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by M.J. NURENBERGER

"WHITE NIGGERS" IN ISRAEL

Golda Meir, the Prime Minister of Israel, recently has described the new Sephardic and 'Have-Nots' revolt in her country in the following ominous words: "The house is on fire!"

Reports from Israel indicate that the Prime Minister and her associates in the government are more concerned about this new movement of Israel's 'Have-Nots' against the 'Haves' than by the threats from belligerent Arab neighbors.

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A new factor has emerged on the Israeli political scene: the so called 'Black Panthers' led by a group of desperate but very articulate young men and women, most of them Israeli-born, some third or fourth generation Israelis.

I recall, during my last visit to Israel, when one of these *revolutionaries*, an immigrant from North Africa, my taxi driver, told me:

"I expect to go to Canada."

"Why?" I asked.

"Because I prefer to become a *Zionist* in North America, contribute to Israel, than live here and wait twenty years for an apartment without any hope of getting one. I am one of the poor *orientals*, the White Niggers."

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Something is brewing in Israel. The new generation of the Sephardim, most of them veterans of the Israeli Army, are tired of promises from the government relating to housing and better job opportunities. As one of them told an Israeli evening newspaper, "I am a porter at the airport and I will remain one; my son will also be a porter unless this discrimination stops".

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"The split within the nation, the two peoples, one affluent and cultured, the other poor and ignorant, cannot be tolerated. The government tells that we must remain loyal to the country; we are at war. We reply, the government should prove *its loyalty* to *its citizens* and see that all of them, whether hailing from backward countries in Africa or from more progressive nations in the west, must be treated equally."

"Otherwise," a newspaper quoted a leader of the *Black Panthers*, "there will be a catastrophe."

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The leaders of the Black Panthers, told their story in an extensive interview with Maariv:

"For years we have protested, but not effectively; because we were quiet, proud. We believed our destiny preordained from heaven. Now, we know better. It is caused by our fellow men."

"We are Zionists," the representative of the Black Panthers insisted, "we took the name *'Black Panthers'* only to *provoke* the community, to call the attention of the community to our plight. We know that the name is associated with some antisemitic Blacks in North America. This is *why* we picked it–as a shock treatment. And you can see it brought results: for the first time, the government is *considering* our situation."

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An Israeli reporter asked one of the leaders of the Black Panthers whether they know that the government of Israel now *must* take care of the Russian Jews, is trying to encourage immigration from America. To this the Black Panther replied:

"Yes, we want to fight for Russian Jews . . . We want to contribute, our share–but our share only. Why should the *poor* foot the bill, not the rich, the bureaucrats who drive imported cars and live in villas?

If the rich are entitled to apartments, where is our share?" he continued. "We are the ones who would not leave our country. Yes, who are the Zionists?"

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One of them observed:

As for the leaders of the Histadrut, the trade union giant, another spokesman for the Black Panthers said:

"They pretend to be Socialists . . . Is it not easy to be a Socialist living in luxury and telling the poor not to protest when they have no housing? "

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Is this an internal problem of Israel? Or, is it one on which every Jew has a right to speak up? Is it not essentially a Jewish problem?

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Zionism has been the movement to unite Jews all over the world. Without such unity, as Golda Meir reportedly said, there is a danger facing this new nation, a grave threat to her future.

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From the news dispatches I learn that a Yemenite, Israel Yeshayahu, has become Secretary-General of Israel's Labor Party, the most powerful in the country. It is an excellent beginning on the road to *One People*.

Jerusalem awaits Nixon Mideast decision

ISRAEL FEARS NEW SOVIET ATTACK

NEWSPAPER ENTERS NEW ERA

Commencing with this issue, The Canadian Jewish News is published by its new owners, a corporation without share capital to be known as "The Canadian Jewish News".

Founded in December 1959 by M. J. Nurenberger and his late wife Dorothy, the Canadian Jewish News has been published regularly in both Toronto and Montreal.

Mr. Nurenberger continues as President of North American Press Ltd., which publishes the French language monthly, Nouveau Monde.

Mr. Nurenberger has also contracted with a publisher to write a book, "1939-1945, The Silent Jews".

M.J. NURENBERGER

Mr. Nurenberger, in a statement announcing his retirement from this newspaper, said:

"Mr. Ray D. Wolfe and his colleagues have assumed a great responsibility by securing the existence of The Canadian Jewish News. They will need, and I am sure they will obtain, the full cooperation of the Jewish community which realizes the importance of a regularly appearing newspaper. The Canadian Jewish News today is the leading Jewish weekly newspaper in Ontario and Quebec, and the community certainly will lend its full support to its new owners who are assuming this task in the interest of the community.

"Since its inception, The Canadian Jewish News has maintained a high editorial standard. It has served with dedication the ideals of Historic Israel. It has served faithfully the interests of Canada and of our Jewish community. It has been, first and last, a newspaper reporting the news, giving the facts, analyzing objectively the trend of events and the significance of developments.

"The new owners are civic-minded citizens and philanthropists who hold positions of responsibility in the field of business and industry, and in organized Jewish life as well.

"They will, I am sure, endorse what I said in the first editorial of The Canadian Jewish News of January 1, 1960:

"'THE CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS owes no allegiance to any group or party. It is strictly non-partisan. Its only loyalty is to the country of which we are an integral part and to our spiritual heritage, as Jews.

"'As a local newspaper, THE CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS will endeavor to become the spokesman of our Jewish community. . .

"'THE CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS will fight the battle of the organized Jewish people on all fronts. That is a solemn pledge. It will fight in the Maccabean spirit -- expressing the Jewish refusal to surrender. In this historic effort to secure Jewish existence -- politically in Israel, spiritually throughout the world -- we need Jewish unity, a disciplined, organized Jewish community. We shall do our share to strengthen it.

"'This, then, is THE CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS, the first Jewish newspaper in Ontario. Its creation is a result of new development and of the growth of our Jewish community'."

MURRAY B. KOFFLER

RAY D. WOLFE

ALBERT J. LATNER

COMMUNITY LEADERS PURCHASE CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS

M.J. Nurenberger, founder and editor, retires to write book; will direct French language monthly

Three Toronto businessmen, Murray B. Koffler, Albert J. Latner (representing the Greenwin Group), and Ray D. Wolfe, announced today the purchase of the Canadian Jewish News from North American Press Limited.

The newspaper will henceforth be published by the Canadian Jewish News–a corporation without share capital. The directors are: Murray B. Koffler, Albert J. Latner and Ray D. Wolfe. Sol I. Littman, formerly Executive Director of the Canada/Israel Committee, has been appointed Managing Editor.

Speaking for the new directors, Mr. Wolfe stated that the Canadian Jewish News will be operated on a non-profit basis on behalf of the Jewish community.

Important changes in the newspaper's content and appearance are planned. The new format will become effective with the issue of Friday, September 10th, 1971.

While concentrating initially in Ontario, the paper's area of coverage will be expanded as soon as practicable to serve the entire Canadian Jewish community.

"The retirement of M.J. Nurenberger," Mr. Wolfe said, "underscores an exciting era in Jewish journalism. He brought to the Canadian Jewish News the qualities of independence, controversy (often provocative), and a profound concern for the Jewish people. These qualities, the new management intends to perpetuate. It also intends to open the pages of the newspaper to diverse opinions within the Jewish community and to establish the Canadian Jewish News as a community forum."

Americans pressure both Jerusalem and Cairo on Suez Canal opening

by the CJN Diplomatic Editor

Yitzhak Rabin, Jerusalem's Ambassador to Washington, last week confirmed that the United States Government now has decided to use some pressure on both parties in the Middle East conflict to reach a partial agreement in order to reopen the Suez Canal.

Diplomatic observers in Cairo told the Los Angeles Times that Anwar Sadat, the president of Egypt, does not contemplate renewing hostilities against Israel before the end of this year. Cairo's authoritative newspaper, Al Ahram, indirectly confirmed this information. The same sources in Cairo say that since the month of May purge of his enemies, Sadat feels more secure and does not have to resort to belligerency in order to keep his post.

In Tel Aviv, Israel's largest evening newspaper, Maariv, front-paged a report that Donald C. Bergus, Washington's top diplomatic representative in the Egyptian capital, is being accused by some Israeli officials of antisemitic prejudice. According to Maariv, Bergus; who is the chief negotiator between the U.S. Government and the Egyptian regime, had lost his post at the State Department five years ago when the Israeli Embassy had complained against his anti-Jewish remarks.

BERGUS RECORD

In 1966, again according to Maariv, Donald Bergus was the head of the Egyptian desk in the Middle East section of the State Department. Then already he allegedly was known for his pro-Arab convictions. Maariv says that his antisemitic remarks at that time, at a cocktail party in the presence of representatives of the Israeli Embassy, brought an immediate protest from the then Ambassador, Abraham Herman. Maariv quotes some of these anti-Jewish observations:

"Jews are not creative"; "Jews are using financial pressure in political areas"; ". . .trouble-makers. . ."; etc. As a result of the protest by Ambassador Herman, Bergus was removed from his position and had been inactive until he was dispatched to Cairo as U.S. diplomat number-one.

The Egyptians warmly accepted Bergus because of his known pro-Arab sentiments.

Because of Mr. Bergus' background, influential Israelis believe that he has been misinforming the State Department and the American government on the true intentions of the Egyptian regime.

Richard Helms, the head of the CIA who visited Israel last week where he conferred with Golda Meir and other leading Israeli spokesmen, is preparing a special report for President Nixon which he will finalize after brief stop-overs in Turkey and Iran. Israeli sources say Mr. Helms was profoundly impressed by the manifestations of Soviet continuous "progress" in the Mediterranean. Many believe Helms is convinced that Washington should take another look at the situation in the Eastern Mediterranean.

In talks with Golda Meir, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, and his counterpart in Israel, Mr. Helms learned many new facts about Soviet expansion in that area. According to Haaretz, Israel's leading newspaper, President Nixon will announce a new American program for the Middle East after consulting with Mr. Helms. One of the most important issues facing the American president is whether to renew publicly the suggestion that Moscow join Washington in a new move for peace in the Middle East or continue its role as "honest" broker between Egypt and Israel. Joseph Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs, reportedly told Ambassador Rabin that the United States is determined to bring about some solution in the direction of reopening the Suez Canal.

Haaretz, which is Israel's most influential newspaper, says Mr. Helms is not optimistic concerning any prospects of understanding between the two superpowers. The head of the CIA sees too many conflicting interests between Russian and America in order to consider the possibility of an understanding in the Middle East. However, he is convinced (and this he is goind to impart to the President), that Israel's strength in the Eastern Mediterranean is one of the most valuable assets of the Western world and of NATO in the Middle East. Haaretz expresses its opinion that Mr. Helms will demand more military assistance for Israel. According to this newspaper, Rogers and Sisco still believe in an arrangement with the Soviet Union, but the last word, Haaretz concludes editorially, will come from the White House.

The State Department in Washington reaffirmed its belief, despite all rumors, that there is a possibility of a Suez Canal partial settlement.

JEWISH AGENCY LEADER BLASTS REFORM RABBIS FOR ATTACKING ZIONISTS

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - Mr. Arye L. Pincus, the chairman of the Jewish Agency, lashed out angrily at the leaders of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Liberal) for their indictment of Zionist bodies and the American Jewish community.

The two leaders, Rabbi Roland B. Gittelson, the president of the CCAR, and Rabbi David Polish, its vice-president, had alleged that Zionist groups openly and officially embraced the most reactionary USA politicians who would betray Israel overnight.

Rabbis Gittelson and Polish also claimed that American Jewry, reinforced "by its Israel-oriented establishment," was stifling dissent over Israel's military stance.

Mr. Pincus, answering the second charge, pointed out that pro-Moscow Communists and members of the Haolam Hazeh Party sat in the Knesset. There was no reason for the two rabbis to try and teach Israel what dissent was, he added.

The Jewish Agency leader, who was addressing the Zionist General Council, quoted a member of the CCAR as telling the Israeli Premier, Mrs. Golda Meir, "We do not like your friends. We are left of center." When Mrs. Meir asked him who his friends were, he replied "the liberals".

Mrs. Meir's rejoinder, said Mr. Pincus, was "have you any liberals who can supply us with Phantoms? My business as Premier is to ensure that we have Phantoms and that we have the answer to missiles and that if we are going to lose lives in the next war we have a chance to win. Don't preach the morality of dissent under these conditions."

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS HAILS SUPREME COURT RULING

Leo Pfeffer, special counsel of the American Jewish Congress, hailed the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court holding public aid to parochial schools unconstitutional, as "one of the most important rulings in the history of American constitutional law".

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the Congress, described the ruling as "a landmark victory for religious freedom," adding:

"This decision re-emphasizes the responsibility of the Jewish community to maintain its system of Jewish education as it has done in this country from the earliest days of Jewish settlement.

"The American Jewish Congress calls on Jewish welfare funds and federations -- as we have called in the past -- to increase their financial support of Jewish education of every kind and at every level.

"We have consistently warned that any resort to public funds will compromise the independence and integrity of Jewish education.

"Now that the Supreme Court has spoken, the controversies and quarrels are over. Every segment of the Jewish community must now join hands to make sure that Jewish education shall not suffer for lack of community support.

"We are the largest, the wealthiest and the most powerful Jewish community in the history of our people. One need only look at the vast network of synagogues and temples, yeshivot and day schools, Hebrew high schools and even universities that American Jewry has built.

"The American Jewish Congress refuses to believe that the Jewish community is so poor in spirit and so lacking in commitment to our tradition that it cannot maintain the necessary institutions of Jewish education without government help. After 100 generations of Jewish life, we refuse to believe that the Jewish community has arrived at the point where it is incapable of transmitting its precious heritage to its children without government support."

Pfeffer also pointed out:

"The annual lobbying effort for tax funds that would have pitted sect against sect and parochial school against public school has been averted by this historic decision.

"The Supreme Court has wisely recognized that giving government funds to parochial schools would lead to precisely that excessive government entanglement with religion that this court itself prohibited in the Walz decision.

"The court recognized that it is the inalienable right of all religious groups to conduct such schools in a manner consistent with conscience and free of government influence and surveillance.

"But the court recognized as well that such groups have no call upon the public purse for monies to support their enterprise."

ORTHODOX OPPOSE AJC POSITION

New York, (JCNS). - Orthodox Judaism in the USA has turned its wrath on the American Jewish Congress and its special counsel, Mr. Leo Pfeffer, following a Supreme Court ruling last week that various State programs to aid religious schools are unconstitutional.

The Orthodox (and Roman Catholics) have always favored State aid for denominational schools, while the non-Orthodox (and Protestants) have opposed it as contravening the American Constitution, which lays down that there must be complete separation between Church and State.

The AJC was only one of a number of organizations, including civil liberties and Protestant groups, opposing State aid for denominational schools, but it and Mr. Pfeffer played a leading role in the legal processes which ended in last week's Supreme Court ruling.

The decision will hurt Roman Catholic schools most and probably force some to close, but yeshivot and other Jewish religious schools will also be heavily affected. Torah Umesorah, the national society for Hebrew day schools, estimated that it may result in an annual loss of $30 million.

It so happens that the Supreme Court ruling came at a time when more and more non-Orthodox opponents of State aid for religious education were beginning to have a change of heart, because of the financial crisis in schools and the mounting problem of assimilation and intermarriage.

DOCTORS MOBILIZE FOR AID TO SOVIET VICTIM

New York, (JCNS). - A New York doctors' "Ad hoc Committee on Soviet Jewry" has been formed in an attempt to bring medical aid to Miss Ruth Alexandrovich, the 23-year-old jailed Riga Jewish nurse who is suffering from a kidney complaint.

The committee is appealing to President Nixon and U Thant the United Nations Secretary-General, to intervene personally "on humanitarian grounds" to transmit its plea to the World Health Organization and top Soviet doctors to allow American medical specialists to visit Miss Alexandrovich.

Ruth was sentenced to a year's imprisonment on May 27 for alleged anti-Soviet activities. She also suffers from asthma.

In Church anti-abortion drive

TORONTO JEWISH WOMAN DOCTOR POPULAR WITH CATHOLICS

A Jewish woman doctor has become a prominent platform speaker in the Roman Catholic church campaign against legislation leading to easier abortion.

Dr. Heather Morris, a Toronto gynaecologist, has spoken at 33 meetings offering her point of view as a woman, a Jew and a doctor on abortion.

Dr. Heather Morris

Dr. Morris's involvement in the abortion debate begun accidentally. Last October she agreed to replace another doctor on a scheduled program. She found that her defence of the unborn fetus snowballed because of her three qualifications: "I am a woman, an obstetrician and gynaecologist and therefore, intimately connected in my professional life with pregnancy in all its aspects. And being a Jew, people could not tune me out on the basis that I was churning out the Catholic Church's doctrine in unthinking obedience."

She continues: "I never thought I would live to see the day when I would have to publicly deny being a Catholic. However, that does not prevent my enjoying and being relaxed on finding myself so often these days in the company of priests, nuns and many delightful, sincere lay Catholics."

The Catholic Register, in a recent article, described Dr. Morris as "petite, amiable and vivacious with dark hair to match her sparkling dark eyes. She has an outgoing personality to go with her outspoken and yet gentle manner."

Dr. Morris took her degree at Edinborough University and practised in Birmingham. She has been associated with Toronto Women's College Hospital since 1968. She is a member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists as well as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. She has spent some time in the primitive part of South America.

In October of 1969 she volunteered to spend a month in the Amazon at a mission conducted by the St. Joseph Sisters in Peterborough.

Dr. Morris is a member of Temple Sinai and a close personal friend of Rabbi Jordan Pearlson. Rabbi Pearlson commented:

"Heather is the best example I know of how a devoted Jew, secure in her own identity can go anywhere carrying with her convictions of depth and an open integrity with which she encounters the outside world.

"She is a devout, practising Jew, who attends synagogue every Shabat. Her range of friendships knows no limit or barrier.

"We have explored the classic Jewish position on abortion together. Although we do not agree in our conclusions, there is a profound mutuality of respect.

"As a gynaecologist and obstetrician she shares my concern with those who presume that having an abortion is as simple as cutting one's fingernails. Both she and I have had considerable counselling experience with the aftermath."

ONTARIO TEXTS INADEQUATE ON HOLOCAUST STORY

Toronto, (CJN). - Textbooks in use in public high schools in Canada's Ontario province did not adequately present "what must be considered one of the most atrocious chapters in the whole history of mankind" -- the Nazi treatment of Jews and other minorities.

This is the finding after a three-year survey by Garnet McDiarmid and David Pratt of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education in its report to the province's Human Rights Commission.

The writers stated: "It is astonishing that this issue was not even mentioned in many texts and that in many others. . .it was treated so casually".

They added: "On the whole the texts mention only Jews among the persecuted groups and are vague about the total number killed. Most of the discussions neglect to mention the philosophical or social roots of antisemitism, the Allied failure to assist the Jews, or the Nazis' treatment of political opponents, gypsies, Slavs and Poles.

"Above all there is little or no attempt to indicate to students that the gas chambers and ovens of such concentration camps as Dachau, Auschwitz and Treblinka are the outcome of discrimination against minorities taken to its extreme conclusion".

Pictured above are campers boarding the buses on their way to Camp Agudah. Camp Agudah which opened its girls' season on July 1st is situated on an ultramodern 480 acre site near Port Carling in Muskoka. Due to the camp's strict adherence to Halacha (Torah Law) separate periods for boys and girls are operated. This has also enabled the staff to concentrate on the specific educational, recreational and religious needs of boys and girls thus making it the only camp in Canada to offer such an intensive Torah-True program. The girls' period which runs for 4 weeks is operating at a capacity registration of campers according to assistant director Mr. I. Neger. The camp is an educational project of Agudath Israel of Toronto and is affiliated with the worldwide network of 10 camps operated by the Agudath Israel World Movement.

photo by Straul

Jewish educators salute Day School honor students

Karl Skorecki, a student of Toronto's Community Hebrew Academy, last week became Metro's top student of the year, with a 97.5 percent average on the best seven of his ten Grade Thirteen subjects. Karl's record also is the highest scored in the history of the Academy, a school sponsored by the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto and supervised by our Board of Jewish Education. Skorecki's record brings him a University of Toronto scholarship, in addition to an Ontario Government scholarship.

A graduate of the Associated Hebrew Day School, Karl entered the Academy four years ago. Dr. S. Burack, Principal of General Studies at the Academy, and Mr. J. Burke, Principal of Hebrew Studies, characterize Karl as a bright, hard-working student, deeply committed to Jewish values, observant of traditions, and strong on Jewish activism.

Karl also topped his class in Hebrew studies. He is fluent in Hebrew and a fine scholar of classical and modern Hebrew literature. Despite a brilliant academic record, Karl finds time for a vigorous physical fitness program, and for active participation in Jewish causes.

OTHER HONOR STUDENTS

Karl is spending the summer as a counsellor in Camp Massad, a Hebrew speaking summer camp in Muskoka. His immediate plans are for a career in medicine, and he plans eventually to emigrate to Israel.

Karl feels that the two major influences that have shaped his life have been his parents and the school and he has expressed his appreciation on several occasions.

Ranking second at the Academy was Neil Hahn with an average of 89 percent, and third was Shoel Silver with a score of 87 percent.

The following students of the graduating class won Ontario Government Scholarships: Sheil Adler; Renee Berk; Esther Green; Neil Hahn; Edward Jacobson; Jerry Javasky; Moshe Kempinski; Ian Kurtz; Susan Rubenstein; Michael Shaul; Shoel Silver, Karl Skorecki; Gloria Tanenbaum.

Karl Skorecki

Established some ten years ago, the Community Hebrew Academy has to date graduated some 150 students. Samuel Shainhouse is President of the Academy.

Dr. Alexander Brown, Associate Director, Board of Jewish Education, points to the extraordinarily fine scholastic record of Academy graduates over the years, and to the large number of University scholarships garnered by them, out of proportion to their numbers.

ACTIVE ON CAMPUS

In addition to a strong program in general studies, students at the Academy also benefit from an enriched, wideranging program of Hebrew studies including classical and modern Hebrew letters, Rabbinic literature, religious knowledge and practice, Jewish philosophy and ethics, Israel, Yiddish as a language option, the arts, music, and extracurricular activities.

Rabbi Irwin E. Witty, Executive Director of Toronto's Board of Jewish Education, states that many of the students of the Academy are active in various Jewish youth groups and organizations. Graduates of the Academy play a leading role in organized Jewish activity on campus, at the Universities of Toronto and York. A number of them are also in attendance at Yeshivot and Universities in Israel, at Yeshiva University and Stern College in New York.

PROTESTANT SILENT MAJORITY WORRIES AMERICAN JEWS

New York. - A "silent majority" of Protestant clergymen are helping to perpetuate the status-quo on social and political problems, according to a comprehensive study made public recently by Seymour Graubard, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The study, entitled "Wayward Shepherds: Prejudice and Protestant Clergy," reveals that although Protestant clergy are much less antisemitic than their parishioners, they remain "a good deal more antisemitic than they ought to be."

Prepared by a team of four behavioral scientists Rodney Stark, Bruce D. Foster, Charles Y. Glock and Harold E. Quinley -- under a grant from ADL, the work was published by Harper and Row. The study is based on more than five years of research conducted for the League by the University of California Survey Research Center.

The analysis shows that Protestant clergy are much less antisemitic than they used to be even though this ancient attitude persists. The general basis for ill will toward Jews is hostility to Judaism as a religion stemming from what the authors call unwavering commitment to "traditional" Christian teachings.

These blame Jews for the crucifixion of Jesus and believe the Jews to be beyond redemption unless they convert.

Noting that "clergymen are remarkably free of antisemitism which is not rooted in religious hositlity," the study points out that if "conceptions of contemporary Jews as unforgiven for the crucifixion and under a curse from God could be eliminated from Christian consciousness," considerable progress toward eliminating antisemitism could be made.

The study grades ministers on an antisemitism index with 37 per cent scoring "none", 46 per cent rating "low", and 17 percent falling in the "medium to high" category.

The authors declare that they are more pessimistic today about the change-producing potential of churches than they were after doing their first study of clergymen in 1966.

The researchers say that Church pronouncements exonerating the ancient Jews of deicide "will not reduce the antisemitism of Christians unless they are coupled with an attack on notions of the contemporary Jews as a damned and an object of divine retribution."

Overall, it was found that while one of five laymen had rejected all the antisemitic statements, nearly two of five clergy did so. It was found that among the clergy, antisemitism is more highly correlated with their religious convictions than was the case among church members.

The sociologists go on to say that among those clergymen who scored medium to high on the antisemitism index, 85 percent failed to recognize, or at least to admit, that they harbor any ill will toward Jews.

"Antisemitism may not be rampant among the clergy," the sociologists declare, "but neither is self-awareness."

In making the study public Graubard said that the ADL will intensify its meetings with Christian leaders to discuss its implications and to find ways of instituting cooperative efforts for improving the situation.

Mr. Mark Perlmutter, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Synagogue Day School (Toronto), welcomes Mrs. Eric Bowman (centre) new President of the Parents' Association of the United Synagogue Day Schools (Toronto).

Mrs. Henry Shanoff, Immediate Past President (left), and Mrs. Ben Grossman (right) Past President, received gold Torah President Pins in a presentation address by Mrs. Bowman at the Installation Meeting of the Parents' Association, June 7, 1971. Mr. Perlmutter also welcomed the thirteen officers of the Executive and twenty-six members-at-large of the Executive, for the coming two year term of office.

The United Synagogue Day School (main centre), is located at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue (Bathurst Street), with a Branch at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue (Bayview Avenue).

Charge religious bias in U.S. universities

Atlanta, (JCNS). - The quota system, aimed at reducing the number of Jewish students at American colleges and universities, may once again be rearing its ugly head.

The annual meeting of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council heard here this week that some universities, anxious to reduce the troublemakers on the campus, had revised their admissions practices directed at the "liberals" from the eastern urban centers. Since the majority of America's Jews reside in the eastern States these policies "make scapegoats" of Jewish students.

This seems to be a policy of guilt by association since a large portion of those in the college revolutionary movements are Jews. Two of the best known disciples are Jerry Rubin and Abbie Hoffman.

According to the report some universities today practise such policies without regard to the campus problem.

The Jewish leaders conceded that little "hard evidence" of a wide scale effort existed but did indicate that they were concerned that the current trend was "marked by subterfuges and other devious devices unworthy of great universities". They considered such policies with the "utmost seriousness" and called for a community vigilance and discussions with unviersity officials.

Representatives of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith stated that they had already discussed these matters with Wisconsin and Purdue Universities where evidence of such new admissions practices were discovered.

NEW EXECUTIVE ELECTED.—At a recent meeting of the Rabbinical Council of Ontario the following officers were elected: Rabbi Emanuel Forman, President; Rabbi Myer Berglas, Vice President; Rabbi Larry Langer, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Rabbinical Council serves as the regional arm of the Rabbinical Council of America which is the largest organization of orthodox rabbis on the continent.

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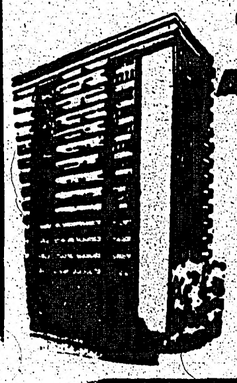

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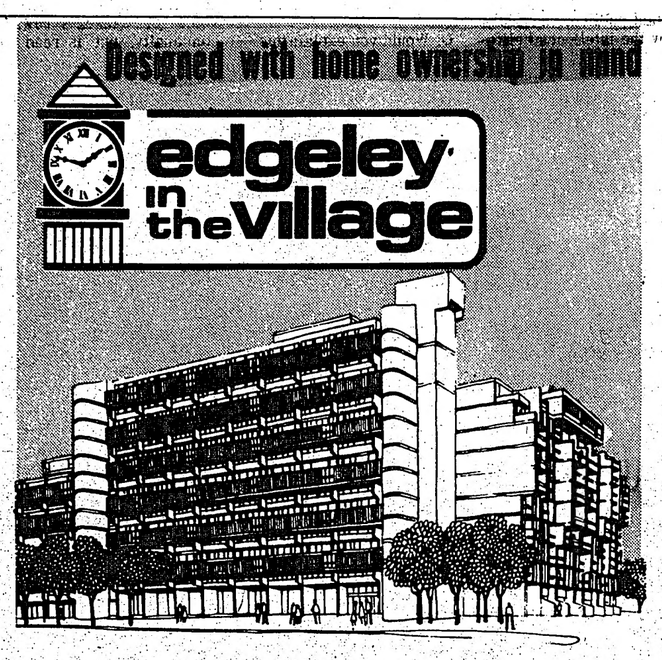

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Round table interview with M.J. Nurenberger

EDITOR REMINISCES ABOUT FIRST TWELVE YEARS OF THE CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS; OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE OF NEWSPAPER

M.J. Nurenberger, who established The Canadian Jewish News on January 1, 1960, has now retired from his post as editor and publisher of this newspaper.

Upon this occasion, we have asked Mr. Nurenberger to share with the readers some of his impressions during his career as editor and publisher.

Below appear excerpts from an informal talk taped at our office.

Q. On June 30, 1971, you terminated your career as editor and publisher of The Canadian Jewish News. What is the reason for your retirement? Is this a sudden decision?

A. Although this decision may come as a surprise to most of our readers, I must admit that I have been contemplating this step for more than a year. This retirement is necessary. Otherwise, I would not be able to do something of which I dreamed for many years. I am able to retire from this position, thanks to my friend Ray D. Wolfe, a philanthropist and dedicated community leader who is the head of a group that purchased The Canadian Jewish News from North American Press Limited, a company of which I am president.

This decision is dictated by priorities. For years I have been preparing notes for a book that will interpret the JEWS OF SILENCE IN NORTH AMERICA in the period of 1939 to 1945. I recently signed an agreement with an American publishing company which enables me to complete this work. I am committed to this project. I also plan to edit some of the essays I have written over the years which will be compiled into another book called "The Jewish Revolution".

The writing of these books will require my travelling overseas, especially to Europe and Israel which I could not undertake while running a weekly newspaper.

Also, as some of the readers may know, I founded the French-language Montreal magazine, Nouveau Monde, which I consider an absolute necessity because of a lack of dialogue between the largest Jewish community in Canada and French Canadians. Because of the pressure of work as editor and publisher of The Canadian Jewish News, I had to neglect Nouveau Monde, now an important publication, widely read by the intellectual elite of Quebec. I felt I could be replaced at The Canadian Jewish News but not yet at Nouveau Monde. So I had to make a choice.

Q. Will the change of ownership and management affect the character of The Canadian Jewish News, its independence?

A. Absolutely not. I am confident that with Ray D. Wolfe as president of The Canadian Jewish News, the newspaper will continue to grow and become an even more influential press organ.

I know the new owners are dedicated to the Jewish community, to the survival of Israel; and last, but not least, to the defense of liberty and democracy on this continent. They also, I know, understand that in a newspaper, the appreciation of talent and the ability to present ideas must be the sovereign rule in the editorial department. It is this supremacy of knowhow that will continue to guide the new owners and the new editors. In a newspaper, if it is to remain free, it is less important to take into consideration the opinions of those who exercise power than the facts as they relate to our community and to the Jewish people the world over.

Judaism is not a tax deduction.

It is -- this I believe profoundly -- the greatest adventure in living in this world of ours where many are confused by conflicting loyalties. It is great to be a Jew, because a Jew is, by tradition, a non-conformist, a free man. To impart this truth to the younger generation perhaps is the primary task of a newspaper such as ours. Whether I have succeeded in doing it or not is for others to judge; but I have tried. As with newspapers in general, the first duty of The Canadian Jewish News is to inform. A weekly newspaper cannot keep up with daily events, yet it can, and must, analyze and interpret the march of history. The greatest danger facing an independent publisher and editor is flattery and a "pat on the back' which must be resisted by one who runs a press organ. Sometimes, the newspaperman finds himself in an atmosphere of existentialist solitude, almost like a soldier in a guerilla army; yet he must resist temptation in order to be himself and be trusted by the reader.

Q. Would you explain this?

A. I do not believe that this is the time or the place to do it but I hope to be able to write about my activities at The Canadian Jewish News after the complete reorganization of this newspaper is effectuated. I will then return to this problem. But I must stress that the first concern of an editor and publisher must be: a feeling of awe toward talent -- supremacy of talent.

Q. What is a newspaper?

A. To a publisher who has seen a publication such as The Canadian Jewish News grow from a little journal to a powerful organ of information, a newspaper is a Person, like a child to parents. It is not an ordinary business. A newspaperman lives in a house of glass, and no matter how often he may be criticized, he must be able to live with himself, especially with regard to pressure from the establishment.

Q. What do you think is the task of our Jewish generation?

A. I would like to be permitted to define it with the famous statement by John Adams, in 1777:

"Posterity! you will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom! I hope you will make good use of it. If you do not, I shall repent it in heaven that I ever took half the pains to preserve it."

Q. What is the history of The Canadian Jewish News, in brief?

A. My late wife, Dorothy, and I, established The Canadian Jewish News toward the end of 1959. The first issue of the newspaper appeared on Friday, January 1st, 1960.

Dorothy was its acting editor until a month before her tragic demise, on September 15, 1970. I was its editor-in-chief from the first issue until last week, June 30th, 1971. Except for a short period during which we had business associates whose stock I repurchased for cash this newspaper has been for a long time a man-and-wife operation. At the very beginning, we would produce the paper from rented space behind a garage. These were difficult but most rewarding, pioneering years.

Q. Was The Canadian Jewish News the first Jewish weekly in English here?

A. Yes. Before the appearance of The Canadian Jewish News, there never was any English-language weekly Jewish newspaper in Ontario. Now, The Canadian Jewish News has developed, not only into the leading voice of Canada's Jewish community, but is read by non-Jews as well.

When The Canadian Jewish News was established, we were one of four English-Jewish weeklies in Eastern Canada; the other three appeared in Montreal. Now we have become the only weekly Jewish newspaper in Ontario and Quebec. That we have survived without angels as the only regularly appearing Jewish newspaper in Eastern Canada speaks for itself.

Q. What is the secret for the acceptance and survival of this newspaper?

"PEOPLE BELIEVED HE WAS NAIVE BECAUSE HE WAS NOT MUNDANE".—How Einstein impressed cub reporter Nurenberger (right on picture)

A. Perhaps, its total independence. During my tenure as publisher, I never received any subsidies from any organization or political group. It has been more than just independent: often it spoke out against vested interests within the community and, to a certain degree, has become a thorn in the side of some within the establishment. It never was an organ of a political party. For example: during election campaigns -- municipal, provincial, federal -- we always stressed our position: there is no Jewish vote. It has always been my conviction that a Jewish newspaper should keep aloof from political entanglements within and without the Jewish community.

Q. Has this caused some unpleasantness?

A. This is the price one has to pay for independent journalism.

Q. When you launched The Canadian Jewish News, how long did it take for the newspaper to become known and accepted?

A. I must admit that for the immediate popularity of The Canadian Jewish News, we had to thank, in part, the neo-Nazis who at that time were every active in Toronto. When the daily newspapers announced our publishing venture, the first reaction came from antisemites: they painted swastikas on the garage of my home, abused the telephone with threats against myself and my family, and created a commotion which attracted the attention of the public to The Canadian Jewish News. My children were so scared, we had to change our telephone number and keep it unlisted. On the positive side of this hideous campaign: an unbelievable manifestation of sympathy from many in the non-Jewish community; several hundred subscribers, all non-Jewish, sent us their checks with messages of encouragement. We knew by then that the policy of our newspaper which, from the beginning, openly stated its determination to fight organized antisemitism had been vindicated.

Q. What are, the most important accomplishments of The Canadian Jewish News?

A. As I said before, I hope to deal with this question extensively in a memoir I plan to do for the Rosh Hashanna issue. For the moment, without sounding immodest, I would like to mention a few achievements of which I can think off-hand.

In the field of Canadian policy, The Canadian Jewish News was the first to launch the idea of outlawing antisemitic propaganda. From the very beginning, we have asked for a law against dissemination of racial and religious prejudice. We did this despite the fact that at that time the most important organization within the Jewish establishment openly opposed our initiative. We stood behind M.P.'s Milton Klein and James Walker who were the first to submit to Parliament the draft of a bill later to become the Anti-Hate Law. As I said, we had to editorialize not only against those outside our community who were opposed to such legislation, but we had to fight an influential Jewish organization deadset against such a law. Not only did I help promote such legislation in writing, I remember a meeting in Montreal at which I spoke about this problem. I was then quoted by La Presse as having suggested that racial hatemongers should be placed outside the law -- (I used the French term "hors la loi"). It was the first time that this idea received public attention. Today, I don't feel any resentment against those in the establishment who had opposed it. Newspapermen who promote ideas must accept opposition; all they can ask in return is that those who disagree, demonstrate the same tolerance.

A similar solitary struggle was my fight against the appearance in Canada of German rightist leader Adolf von Thadden. He then asked publicly to meet with me and explain that he was not antisemitic or a Nazi. I refused the honor of this interview. In Parliament, John G. Diefenbaker protested against the CBC allowing von Thadden to enter the living room of Canadians.

Q. Are there any other issues of local interest in which you were involved?

A. Yes. There was the first appeal to the Jewish community of Quebec to re-adjust itself to a new reality, the emergence of the French fact. Years before the silent revolution of Jean Lesage, I said in The Canadian Jewish News that it is necessary for the Jewish community in Montreal to leave the self-imposed ghetto within the larger English Protestant ghetto. In this respect, The Canadian Jewish News has been consistent until this day. We always rejected the slanders that Quebec Jews are running away and exporting their capital from that province.

Q. What was behind your involvement in those struggles?

A. Our modest achievements stem from intransigent adherence to the policy which I followed. The editorial policy of The Canadian Jewish News has been:

a) on the local scene, promotion of integral Jewish education as the only assurance against assimilation;

b) fearless defense of the right of the Jew to be different, while becoming fully integrated politically within general society. I never believed that Rabbinical sermons in a church or Christian preaching in Jewish houses of worship contribute to interfaith coexistence. The test of a democratic society, as far as tolerance is concerned, remains: praying separately while living together;

c) the most important achievement of our generation is the emergence of the State of Israel. The young who do not remember a world without a Jewish state cannot realize how vital the existence of Israel is. Therefore it is incumbent upon our generation to dedicate itself totally to the preservation of Israel;

d) In order to be able to fulfil this task which destiny has placed upon us, we must learn from history, especially from the Holocaust. The first lesson: one must become conscious of the fact -- never forget it -- that the Jews of Europe perished not only because of the conspiracy of the Nazis, but also because we in the free world had not risen to the challenge of the moment. Thus when defending Jewish interests -- whether against racists on the North American continent, enemies in the countries of the Soviet bloc, or those who would not make peace with the fact of a reborn Jewish nation in Israel -- the first consideration is survival. Nothing else matters. My problem has never been to consider the reaction of others toward a certain move in defense of our people, but whether such action secures our survival. There are Jews who live by fear of what their neighbors will say. In 1947, some leading Jews, among them veteran Jewish leaders, counselled Palestinian Jewry not to proclaim a Jewish State because the then Secretary of State, George Marshall, had warned against such a risk. In 1967, on the eve of the Six Day War, there were those who begged Israel not to act in self-defense. Today we know that 1948 was the last chance for Jews to proclaim their independence in their ancient homeland, and that without the Six-Day War of defense, the third Jewish Commonwealth could have become another tragic episode in the history of our people.

Such a development might have satisfied those who love memorials for dead Jews and prayers for martyrs. Liberty never is given but taken. Also, not Israel but Jews the world over in order to survive, require "secure borders" -- no less than Israel.

I believe Zionism was the beginning of the Jewish Revolution against our remaining a community tolerated by others and not a people living by its own right. Thus I have always maintained, that it is more important to teach our children about those who have fought and conquered than those who died as martyrs. I think that the third Jewish Commonwealth is the beginning of a new era in our history: we refuse to be martyrs; if necessary, we will become heroes, victors, in order to survive.

Q. In your career as a reporter and journalist, who were the men who most impressed you?

A. As a young cub reporter, I had the privilege of interviewing Einstein. Many thought him to be naive because he was not mundane, but I can never forget what he told me (not during an interview but when I visited him in a small fishing village on the Belgian coast): he wanted Jews to reaffirm themselves. He was profoundly Jewish in the sense that he was concerned about our future. And he deeply believed in the reestablishment of a Jewish homeland.

Among Jewish leaders, I was most influenced by two men who understood the trend of the Jewish revolution: Jabotinsky and Arlosoroff. Some day, I may have an opportunity to write about what united these two great Jews whom many believe to have been political opponents. I interviewed Arlosoroff two weeks before he was murdered and remember his prediction: "There will have to be a struggle against British occupation of Palestine."

Jabotinsky, of course, towered above all Jewish leaders. As a writer and leader, he never feared to remain unpopular.

I will never forget his warning at a World Zionist meeting, "We have exactly three months to save the Jews in Europe. Once the world becomes attuned to the fact that Jews are not equal, once world opinion accepts persecution of the Jews, we are lost."

His call to revolt still is reverberating in the Soviet Union where fifty-four years after the Bolshevik revolution, his writings are studied by the young in the Underground.

Under his influence, I then became an enthusiastic supporter of the Irgun delegation under the leadership of the late Arieh Ben Eliezer, Hillel Kook and Samuel Merlin who arrived in the United States in order to arouse public opinion against the extermination European Jewry. Unfortunately, their call was not harkened: luckily, Menahem Begin's call to arms found resonance.

Q. Who has impressed you most among Canadian statesmen?

A. From the Jewish point of view, and because of his profound belief in human rights and his integrity, John G. Diefenbaker. I recall the period of his tenure as Prime Minister of Canada. He never refused to intercede on behalf of Jewish rights anywhere, and in defense of Israel against its enemies. The future historian will not overlook the fact that Diefenbaker was the only Prime Minister in office, in any free country, who ever denounced in Parliament religious persecution in Russia. I believe that his historical address resulted in positive response in Moscow.

BON MOTS FROM RETIRING EDITOR

*Judaism NOT a tax deduction

*In a newspaper, the supreme rule is respect for talent

*Perennial danger facing an editor: flattery

*John Diefenbaker most outspoken in defending minority rights and the cause of Israel

news analysis

ROME VS. JERUSALEM: THE POPE AND ISRAEL

It seems fairly clear that something like a campaign is being mounted by the Vatican with the purpose of securing the internationalization of Jerusalem in the long term.

As long ago as the middle of March the semi-official Roman Catholic journal, Osservatore Romano, called for Jerusalem's internationalization. The paper then warned against Israel's assumption of what it called de facto sovereignty over the whole of the city. Now the Pope has appealed for "a special statute guaranteed by a national legal safeguard". A statute of this kind, according to Pope Paul, would enable Jerusalem to become "a meeting place of concord, peace and faith".

The Vatican's interest in Jerusalem is absolutely understandable. The Christian holy places are a matter of deep concern to the head of the Roman Catholic Church. But the Israeli record of its administration of all holy places in Jerusalem has been impeccable, and a recent statement by American Protestant theologians conformed that Israel has protected Christian places and people with scrupulous care. She has guaranteed freedom of worship and (something which Jordan failed to do from 1948 to 1967) complete freedom of access for everyone to all holy places. This has been done by reuniting Jerusalem and by instituting a policy of open frontiers which has enabled Christian or Moslem Arabs to enter territories occupied by Israel, including Jerusalem.

The Vatican is right to want Jerusalem to become a meeting place for those who wish to worship there. It unfortunately misses the point that this is exactly what Jerusalem, under Israel's administration, has already become.

In the past the Vatican has been somewhat ambivalent about its relationship with Israel. It naturally has concern for the Catholic communities in the Moslem world and it may have been affected too, by the desire to achieve terms of co-existence with Soviet Communism. Whatever the reasons, the change from this ambivalence to a more positive approach to Israel could do much to contribute to the peace of the Middle East which all men of goodwill desire.

A statute guaranteeing freedom of worship and asserting the vital interest in Jerusalem of the three religions, Moslem, Christian and Jewish, is something which Israel can readily support. But the Vatican must know that the internationalization proposal is not a serious political prospect and that it will be regarded by many as merely the provision of another stick which can be used by Israel's opponents. It is significant that the reaction of the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding to the Vatican's proposal has been to praise it and at the same time treat it as a basis for world action against Israel. This is not the way in which the complex problems of Jerusalem will be solved and the Vatican as a politically realistic institution ought to be aware of the fact.

Exclusive JCNS report from Jerusalem

BY GEOFFREY D. PAUL

ARE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES A THREAT?

Fewer than ten Jews a year inform the authorities that they wish legally to be regarded as Christians. How many more become converted and keep the matter to themselves for social or economic reasons is unknown, but authoritative sources believe there are very few.

Despite the concern of Orthodox circles that missionary activities are on the increase (there are newspaper reports that German evangelists have established a sort of Christian Keren Kayemet to buy up land in Israel for missionary institutions), there is no factual evidence to support this.

Quite the contrary. The experience of social and religious welfare workers is that missionary activities tend to increase at times of mass immigration or economic depression. But neither of these criteria apply at the present time.

Whereas 15 or more years ago there were upward of 2,000 Jewish children at Christian schools, today there are no more than a few hundred. Mission schools in Jerusalem, Jaffa and Haifa have been closed down due to lack of demand.

Christian boarding schools once the last resort of Jewish parents having marital, economic or other difficulties, are no longer allowed by law to take in children of other religions.

On the adult level, the major church groups -- Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox -- refrain from crude evangelising both because of their desire to maintain good relations with the Israeli Government (and relations are exceptionally good) and also because experience has proved that such methods bring small results.

Where the churches are sometimes found to be active is when one partner to a marriage is a Christian, usually the woman. Frequently, the children of such marriages (contracted mainly in Poland, Rumania and Hungary) have been baptised. In these cases, priests -- a number of them former Jews -- feel it their duty to try and retain the mother and children "in the faith".

What overt missionary activities there are in Israel are mainly conducted by the fundamentalist English and American Christian groups who see it as their "holy mission" to convert Jews. Their work is on a small scale and usually directed to those areas where there are desperate social and economic problems -- for example, the Katamonim in Jerusalem.

But, apart from the unbalanced and those who seek economic or other advantage, there are no signs of any noticeable inroad by these missionaries among the Jewish community.

The tremendous increase in Jewish national consciousness since the Six-Day War might prove to be the strongest bar of all to the progress of Christian evangelism in the Jewish State.

Eban reveals facts

MORE CHRISTIANS LEFT HOLY CITY UNDER HUSSEIN RULE THAN NOW

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - Mr. Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, forcefully defended in the Knesset Israel's protection of Christian and other non-Jewish rights in Jerusalem. He was replying to questions about statements made recently by Pope Paul.

Outlining what Israel had done in the way of compensation for the Holy Places damaged during the Six-Day War, tax and duty exemption, the status of the churches and the financial and technical aid provided for them, Mr. Eban declared:

"Our policy is the safeguarding of the religious, cultural and social life of the city's population and of those who enter its gates, including Christian and Moslem and other pilgrims".

Israel, he declared, gave "a maximum consideration for the character of the population and for all that goes on in the city on every level of planning, both in the present and the future".

He hoped that all those to whom Jerusalem was dear would appreciate the gains that had been made under favorable conditions and that "harmony and mutal respect may reign in Jerusalem among the inhabitants and communities".

One point made by Mr. Eban was that the emigration of Christians, experienced under Jordanian administration when 20,000 had left the city, had been halted since 1967. Jerusalem now had 250,000 Jews, 61,600 Moslems and 11,500 Christians. The Christian population numbered some 25,000 in 1948 and 10,800 in 1967.

REFORM RABBIS OPPOSE GOLDMANN

New York, (JCNS). - The Central Conference of American Rabbis (Liberal) has postponed for a year its consideration of joining the World Jewish Congress -- not because it opposes the organization but because there is substantial opposition within the Liberal rabbinate to the WJC's president, Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

The decision to delay consideration was taken at the CCAR's annual convention in St. Louis, Missouri, last week and came as a surprise to many of the convention, as well as to the WJC itself.

Dr. Goldmann was not once mentioned by name in the debate on the matter, the JCNS correspondent here has been informed by those attending the convention, but it was clear what -- or, more correctly, who -- stood in the way.

Rabbi David Polish, the new president of the CCAR, apparently anticipated difficulties when, in his address to the convention, told his rabbinical colleagues that one man "did not make an organization".

FEELINGS OF DELEGATES

The feelings of many of the delegates probably endorsed those of the new executive vicepresident of the CCAR, Rabbi Joseph Glazer, who, while being a strong believer in the World Jewish Congress, is said to have felt that to join now would be misinterpreted as an endorsement of some of Dr. Goldmann's recent activities and pronouncements.

Only in Israel

FREE ARAB PRESS GROWS

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - Following the 1948 War of Independence and Jordan's capture of East Jerusalem, Palestine's Arab-language newspapers moved there from Jaffa, where the Arab press of Palestine had previously been concentrated, and East Jerusalem became the journalistic and cultural capital of Jordan.

Until the Six-Day War, four Arabic-language and two English-language papers were published in East Jerusalem. In Amman, the Jordanian capital, there were only two.

Printing and publishing and tourism were the two principal economic activities of East Jerusalem until the Six-Day War. Israel's capture of the Jordanian sector and the reunification of Jerusalem damaged the hotel industry and completely paralysed journalism and printing for two years.

Two of the three newspaper proprietors preferred to go to Amman. But the third, Mr. Mahmoud Abu El-Zalaf, decided to stay and try and publish again under the Israeli regime. The first issue of his paper -- El Kuds (Jerusalem) appeared 2-1/2 years ago.

Since then he has shown that his paper is truly independent, freely criticizing both the Israeli authorities and the Jordanian and other Arab Governments, as well as the Arab League.

Mr. El Zalaf finances his newspaper through advertisements, mostly family announcements, and he keeps expenses down to a minimum. (El Kuds has an editorial staff of fewer than ten).

East Jerusalem's second daily, El Anba (The News), is financed by the Israeli Prime Minister's office. It has changed its printer and recently came under new management, doubling its circulation and offering real competition to El Kuds.

In addition, weeklies and monthlies are beginning to make their appearance and books, including poetry, are also being published.

CAIRO DEFENDS SEPHARDIM

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - Egypt has latched on to the Ashkenazi versus Sephardi dispute in its psychological warfare compaign directed to Israeli soldiers along the Suez Canal.

In loudspeaker broadcasts to Israelis stationed on the Canal's west bank, allegations were made of discrimination against Sephardi Jews in Israel. Reference was also made to Israeli soldiers alleged to have deserted.

Meanwhile, military experts, questioned about the fact that there have been some half-dozen incidents lately in which Israeli anti-aircraft fire was directed at overflying Egyptian aircraft without any hits being registered, believed this is due to the fact that the flights last no more than a few seconds and are made at very low level.

The time in which a gunner can observe and press the button and hit, is virtually less than that in which the enemy aircraft are overhead, the experts say.

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A great Diplomat leaves Ottawa

EPHRAIM EVRON

The many friends within and without the Jewish community of Canada who have learned to respect Ephraim Evron, Jerusalem's Ambassador to Ottawa, this week will wish him God-speed upon his return to Israel. It is unfortunate that ambassadors are *lent to us* by a foreign nation for a limited time only and cannot remain forever with the country to which they are posted. Ephraim Evron has been one of the great diplomats representing the Jewish state in our country where several Israeli statesmen before him had served with great distinction. As did of his illustrious predecessors, Dr. Yaacov Herzog, Mr. Evron has left an indelible mark upon Jewish life here and on Parliament Hill as well; he has become one of us.

A self-effacing man, a servant of his nation in the best sense of the word, a native-born Israeli who symbolizes the new generation in the Holy Land that fought and conquered, Mr. Evron gained new Canadian friends for the righteous cause of Israel. During his tenure of office, Canadian-Israeli friendship has become more firm than ever: a direct airline has been established between Montreal and Lydda airport; Canadian exports to Israel have grown to the point that the Jewish state has become one of this country's most important customers in Asia; and last, but not least, the policy of Israel in its pursuit of peace and security is now better understood in our capital than ever before.

The diplomatic community, Government leaders, and especially the Jewish community, will miss this eloquent and articulate spokesman for his country, a nation that has been since its inception one of Canada's truest friends.

We are confident that upon his return home, Ambassador Evron will be able to interpret to the people of Israel the profound friendship of Canadians for Israel and, especially, the deep link unifying Canadian Jewry with Israel's historic struggle for its destiny as a free nation among the free nations of the world.

Nebelspalter, Switzerland

"Get rid of the heavy load, Golda!"

ASK THE RABBI
a JCNS featurette

Q. With few exceptions Christians say that the New Testament describes Pharisaic Judaism as legalistic and heartless. What is the truth?

A. Thanks to the pioneering efforts of Gentile scholars of the calibre of George Foot Moore and R. Travers Herford justice has at last been done to the Pharisees, so that the "exceptions" to which you allude are nowadays many more among educated Christians than you imply. Accusations of "legalism" and "heartlessness" carry no weight to those who knew Jewish life from the inside. The late Rabbi Kook was fond of saying that just as there are laws of poetry there is poetry in laws.

Dr. Hertz (Prayer Book p. 341) quotes, with regard to the Sabbath laws for instance, from Kittel (a Christian Bible scholar): "Anyone who has had the opportunity of knowing the inner life of Jewish families that observe the law of the fathers with sincere piety and in all strictness, will have been astonished at the wealth of joyfulness, gratitude and sunshine, undreamed of by the outsider, which the law animates in the Jewish home. The whole household rejoices on the Sabbath, which they celebrate with rare satisfaction not only as the day of rest, but rather as the day of rejoicing. Jewish prayers term the Sabbath a 'joy of the soul' to him who hallows it; he 'enjoys the abundance of Thy goodness'. Such expressions are not mere words; they are the outcome of pure and genuine happiness and enthusiasm".

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Q. How does Hebrew come to be written from right to left? Should we not modernize the script and bring it into line with almost universal usage?

A. The question why the Hebrew language came to be written from right to left has been asked before in this column. I replied then, and am no wiser now, that I do not know. However, whether or not this was the original reason, it has been suggested that "right" in the Jewish tradition symbolizes such concepts as justice, mercy and righteousness.

As to whether we should modernize the script, No, no, no! Why should Hebrew (or for that matter Chinese) be "brought into line with almost universal usage"? Variety is the spice of life. The effort required to read the present Hebrew script is little in comparison with the difficulties of learning the language itself, and is in any event a small price to pay for preserving the tradition and the beauty of the ancient script. For most of us, to "modernize" the Hebrew script in this way would be an act of Philistinism akin to the practice (adopted fortunately in very few congregations) of substituting the "modern" instrument of a trumpet for the shofar, the oldest musical instrument known to man.

KEEP SMILING

"Aren't you the brave young man who tried to save my son from drowning when he broke through the ice?"

"Yes'm."

"Well, what did you do with his mittens?"

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The honeymooning couple agreed it was a fine day for horseback riding. After a mile or so, the bride's mount cantered under a low tree and a branch scraped her forehead lightly.

The groom dismounted glared at his wife's horse, and said, "That's number one."

The ride then proceeded. Another mile later, the bride's horse stumbled over a pebble and the lady suffered a slight jostling. Again her man leapt from his saddle and strode over to the nervous anival his wife was riding. "That's two," he said.

Five miles later, the bride's horse became frightened when a rabbit crossed its path, reared up and threw the girl.

Immediately, the groom was off his horse. "That's three!" he shouted, and pulling out a pistol, he shot the horse between the eyes.

"You brute!" shrieked his bride. "Now I see the kind of man I married! You're a sadist, that's what!"

The groom turned to her coolly. "That's one," he said.

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"Mommy, one of the boys in school called me a sissy."

"What did you do, Sheldon?"

"I hit him with my purse."

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"Ma, I just put a stick of dynamite under teacher's chair."

"Why that's terrible, Sheldon. You march yourself right back to school immediately."

"What school?"

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"Now look me right in the face."

"Doctor, I got my own problems."

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If it weren't for Edison, we'd all be watching TV by candlelight.

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Friend (at a funeral): "It must be hard to lose a wife."

Bereaved: "Almost impossible."

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"I still can't believe you don't have a navel."

"Well, Doctor, I'm afraid it's true."

"It's the most complete rejection of mother I've ever seen."

Canadian Jewish Congress explains stand on religion in schools

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

Your editorial "What We Believe" in the June 18th issue dealing with the question of religious education in the public schools is so replete with mistatement and error and so misleading in its analysis of the question that I am impelled to deal with it in some detail rather than merely question its basis and dismiss it as erroneous.

The editorial writer -- seems to be living in a different time and place than the rest of us. He takes the position that "the Jews" -- a phrase he recoils from in this context -- are asking for the removal of formal religious instruction from the public school curriculum and he shudders from the repercussions that such unwarranted chutzpah might arouse upon the head of a presumptuous minority that dares to make such a demand in a country which as he states is "overwhelmingly Christian".

Let us ascertain the facts of the situation. Yes, it is true that "the Jews" are asking for the removal of this instruction -- and this is one of the few instances in which the expression "the Jews" can be said to be literally true. There has been virtual total unanimity on this issue within the Jewish community of Ontario and we say this not on a chance poll or casual survey but on experience in the province of Ontario, in small centers, in middle-size communities and in the metropolis going back 27 years since the 1944 regulations were introduced. Whether they lived in Guelph, Thunder Bay, Oshawa or Perth Jews were united in the sentiment and it was expressed at regional conferences, at B'nai B'rith lodges, and at synagogue meetings. This applied across the board irrespective of whether one was Conservative, Orthodox, a Liberal and also in recent years -- be it noted -- whether one was a day school subscriber or not. On no other local or Canadian issue in this writer's experience since the end of World War II was there the unanimity of view among Ontario's Jews as there was on this question.

But more important, perhaps, and certainly more important from the point of view of effectiveness and result -- and here is where the editorial writer seems to be settled on his own version of cloud Nine -- it has been not only and not merely "the Jews" who have taken this position. It was the considered and unanimous view of a Special Committee named by the present Premier of Ontario in 1966 when he was Minister of Education and headed by that distinguished Canadian the late Mr. Justice J. Keiller Mackay that the present course in religious instruction "should be abandoned" and that sectarian religious education simply has no place in the contemporary public school classroom. I don't know whether the editorial writer has read this document; I strongly suspect he has not for I cannot imagine him writing the editorial if he had. (The Keiller Mackay Report, incidentally, went further than the Canadian Jewish Congress proposal in at least one respect. The CJC make no recommendation about Bible readings without comment. The Report recommended their removal.)

Not only did the Mackay Report say that religious instruction should be removed but large and important sections of Ontario opinion have said so: the three metropolitan Toronto dailies and the Kingston Whig-Standard -- to name only one of several provincial dailies. Much lay and clerical opinion within the mainstream Protestant churches are in accord with this view; Boards of Education in London, Scarboro, York and elsewhere have taken clear and unequivocal positions as have professional teachers associations and trustees association. What was a heresy or a dissenting opinion of various non-conforming minorities in 1949 or 1955 is now the conventional wisdom of the day. Can it be that the editorial writer of the Canadian Jewish News is the only one out of step?

He asks: "is it not a fact that the majority of Canadians still believe that their children should get some instruction in religion at school?" The answer is plainly that they do not favor such instruction in the context of a public school open to all -- and here we rely on a series of national Gallup polls taken at various periods in the 1950's and 1960's -- which were submitted to the above - mentioned Mackay Committee.

The editorialist makes a rather ungracious comparison between the Canadian Jewish Congress and a Ghetto Council. It is revealing that despite his strong Jewish position he specifically denies the validity of any Jewish representative body, assigning all representative claims to parliamentary representatives. This would bring us to a rather interesting conclusion: would he delegate matters of Jewish education, Jewish philanthropy, defense of Israel, kashruth and the whole range of internal kehilla concerns -- to Ottawa -- or perhaps to Queen's Park?

It also strikes this reader as somewhat incongruous that an editorial writer should disdainfully dismiss the CJC as a Ghetto Council but himself be so fearful and timorous that he deems it dangerous -- from the tone he uses -- that a public election issue (which even obliquely affects Jews) would be made of such a "delicate" question. It seems to this writer that he is the one who is retreating from the question of civil rights and Jewish rights. On this issue the Canadian Jewish Congress has had an undeviating position -- and despite early opposition which may have daunted some editorial writers we persevered in our position until it became the prevalent one.

There is no contradiction between wanting religious education out of the public school system and having it in denominational day schools. Most day school proponents would agree with this.

By stating that religion "is imperative as part of the school curriculum" the editorial writer is flouting the express wishes of our Jewish community and the majority of residents of Ontario and by implication favoring the retention or restoration of sectarian religion in the public school. He is scuttling the civil rights not only of the more than 80% of Jewish children who probably will continue to be in the public school system by sanctioning a sectarian system of education where Jews and minorities of all kinds -- even minorities within Protestantism -- will be admitted not by right but by tolerance.

Is this what he thinks the Jewish community wants?

We believe otherwise.

J.S. Midanik, Chairman,
Special Committee on
Religious Education in the
Public Schools

Day schools vindicated

OUR HONOR STUDENTS

A student of Toronto's Hebrew Academy, a Jewish Day School has scored again.

Karl Skorecki, a Grade 13 student, emerged as Metro's top graduate this year.

The fact that a student of a Jewish parochial school receives such honors again demonstrates that the new pedagogical theory, that a great scholastic load placed upon a student does not affect his capacity to learn, has proven correct.

Skorecki is not the only honor student graduated this year from a Toronto Jewish Day School. We understand that others of the Community Hebrew Academy have received Ontario government scholarships; so did students of the Beth Jacob High School for girls. The fact that these students had to follow the curriculum established by the Government of Ontario and simultaneously pursue their Hebrew studies, did not affect their academic achievements. Quite the contrary: students who have to follow such an intensive program are inclined to be more scholastic, more dedicated to their studies than are others whose curriculum is much easier to follow.

Skorecki and his fellow students in Toronto's Jewish Day Schools are not the only ones in North America to show such results. In fact, during recent years, throughout the continent, students of Jewish Day Schools have become known as among the best and the most diligent.

The fact that they become better Jews contributes, in the words of the late Justice Brandeis, to their becoming better citizens and more dedicated scholars.

The Jewish community should realize that the prejudice against Jewish Day Schools is as old-fashioned as a certain kind of cosmopolitanism which preached the elimination of Jewish identity as a condition for integration within the general community. Those who hail from our Day Schools will be conscious Jews, scholars and proud Canadians as well.

Words of wisdom from Prince Philip

LOYALTIES

At a glittering Jewish society dinner in London, England in which the Rothschilds, the French Ambassador and other men of fame participated, Prince Philip made an important statement stressing once more the British tradition of tolerance.

Speaking about Jewish activities, the Prince emphasized that we should recognize the fact that all of us, in various communities, felt the need for attachment to our homes, our countries, our religious traditions—and to activities on behalf of such causes.

Discussing the ties between Jews and the English, the Prince described it as "a triumph of common-sense".

We believe these words of wisdom also apply to the atmosphere of tolerance prevailing in all the countries of the Commonwealth—despite occasional misunderstandings.

News behind the news

CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE

Washington, (JCNS). - A crisis of confidence is developing between the United States and both Israel and Egypt. Israeli diplomats here are bitter that they were not informed of a US memo on the Suez interim agreement, presented by Mr. Donald C. Bergus, the Charge d'Affaires in Cairo, to Mr. Mahmoud Riad, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, on May 23 and that the U.S. is once again peddling a plan they strenuously object to.

Egyptian diplomats here angrily claim that the Americans are misleading them with mysterious memos, and keep plugging the line that Washington must deliver Israel or else.

In three successive stages, the State Department progressively disowned the memo. Its spokesman, Mr. Charles Bray, first denied the report published in Joseph Kraft's syndicated column on Sunday, that Mr. Bergus had given to Mr. Riad new US proposals, including an Israeli withdrawal halfway across Sinai, an Egyptian military crossing over to the east bank of the Canal, and a United Nations force coming in between.

Mr. Bray said that "a number of inaccuracies" rendered Mr. Kraft's column "misleading". In the background, U.S. officials added that one of the inaccuracies was the suggestion that Israel should withdraw halfway across Sinai.

PERSONAL SUGGESTIONS

But Mr. Bray would not confirm that Mr. Bergus might have been acting on his own in submitting the memo. However, at the end of his noon briefing, a message came which read: Mr. Bergus did indeed leave an informal piece of paper at the meeting he had with Mr. Riad prior to his (Mr. Bergus') departure to Paris.

Half-an-hour later, a senior State Department official told the press that Mr. Bergus had indeed offered some personal suggestions as to how Egypt might present her position on Suez, and he did leave an informal paper which did not, however, reflect either Israel's or America's position.

The senior official said that Mr. Itzhak Rabin, the Israeli Ambassador in Washington, was apprised of the memo for the first time last weekend. Mr. Joseph Sisco, the Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East, telephoned Mr. Rabin hours before publication of the Kraft column and explained that the Bergus demarche was personal.

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

CONVERTING CURSES INTO BLESSINGS

Balak (Numbers, Chapters 23 and 24).

According to the interpretation of this Sidrah, not only did Balak hate the Jews but Balaam the prophet was also Israel's enemy. If so, why did Moses include the sayings of Balaam in the Torah? Moses was trying to teach us two lessons:

First, that we must learn the value of persistence effectively applied. Balak thrice had to urge Balaam to curse the Israelites before he complied.

Secondly, when God changed the curses into blessings, this was to indicate that the strength of the Jewish people is such that they are able to convert curses into blessings.

When Great Britain withdrew from Palestine, many felt that a curse had been visited upon that country. Bevin, the Labor Prime Minister, was certain that the Arabs would attack and stir up such chaos that the Jews would request the British to return, and this would mean the postponement of the realization of a Jewish Homeland. But instead of a curse, the British departure turned out to be a blessing: the Jews, having defeated all invading armies, at length established the State of Israel.

The test of moral strength is the ability to convert evil into good and, through the teachings of religion, to transform all curses into blessings.

FROM HEAVEN ON YOUR HEAD, by Dr. S.T. Kahana, adapted by Rabbi Morris Silverman. By arrangement with Hartmore House, Hartmore House, Hartford, Conn.

FUJI MICRO SAFETY

BOOKS OF THE WEEK

by Dr. Arnold Agus

Suez: human drama

IN THE BUNKERS OF SINAI. By Arnold Sherman. Sabra Books. 192 pp.

Arnold Sherman, who is connected with the El Al company, spent much of the summer of 1970 in the bunkers along the Suez Canal.

A journalist by training, he wished to record the human drama involved in the defensive perimeter set up by victorious Israeli forces in 1967.

His account of his sojourn on the Bar Lev line makes for fascinating reading. His language is simple, and to the point -- like the Israeli soldiers he lived and communicated with.

There is a special vitality to Sherman's book because it was being compiled during the very moments when the Egyptians were launching their ill-fated war of attrition. Several parts of his memoir deal with the problems of accommodating oneself to massive shelling.

In his conversations with soldiers, medics, doctors and chefs, the author finds a realism and a hard-headedness that is refreshing. Despite the fact that Israel had achieved a spectacular victory in both the Six Day War and the Canal fusillades, there was no rejoicing among the defenders.

Instead a sober detachment pervaded the bunkers. Serious concern was often expressed about the presence of Russian personnel on the Egyptian side. "Grimly you think that Soviet troops are facing you across the Canal, that more than 10,000 Russian "advisers" are providing the military ante for Egypt's latest desperate gamble, that the communist high command has ordered protective sorties to be flown by airmen from Odessa and Kiev, and that those are Red Army personnel guarding Russian antiaircraft rockets that Alexandria and Port Said have become Soviet ports in the Mediterranean. . . ."

Like soldiers everywhere, Israelis at the Canal lead an often boring uneventful life. "We don't try to fool ourselves," says one of them, "by saying that life is easy. It's damned hard living out here in the desert. You don't only miss your comforts, you miss your family and friends. That's why we try to send the men home on leave for about a week every month. Otherwise we would all go crazy."

Because of the tension which inheres in the Canal confrontation sleep is fragmentary and troubled. "We never get enough sleep here," complains an artillery unit officer. "You see, we sleep because we are exhausted. There's no pleasure in that kind of sleep. Part of the brain is always awake. You keep executing orders even when you doze off."

Not all of Arnold Sherman's book deals with the military aspects of Arab-Israeli clashes. Political chatter among the troops is widespread and penetrating. One of the author's interlocutors complained bitterly that the Israelis have reacted wrongly to their victories. "Instead of concentrating on our security, we began working for Arab welfare. Well, if you think they appreciate what we did for them, you are a fool. Today you take your life in your hands if you go shopping in Gaza."

The task of solving the boredom, inconvenience, frustration and dangers of Sinai service is met in various ways by the army. Frequent rotation of the troops is practiced. Books, newspapers and magazines are distributed regularly to the front line troops. Movies are regular fare as well. The appearance of entertainment units also helps to wile away the time.

Sherman asked one soldier what his wish would be in the event its fulfillment were possible. "Peace," he replied without hesitation.

Feldbrill to conduct Toronto Symphony series

Starting Sunday July 11 at 2 p.m., for five weeks, the Toronto Symphony will perform a series of summer concerts in The Forum at Ontario Place, directed by such distinguished conductors as Seiji Ozawa, Karel Ancerl, Walter Susskind, Victor Feldbrill, Boris Brott, Boyd Nell and Ernesto Barbini.

The concerts will be presented on Sundays at 2 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. Among the outstanding guest artists who will appear during the series are singers Louis Quilico, Jan Rubes, Victor Braun, John Arab, Cornelius Optof, Garnet Brooks, John Doddington, Lillian Weichel, Ricki Turofsky, Helly Sapinsky and Patricia Harton, pianists Ray Dudley, Sheila Henig, Arthur Ozolins and Paul Helmer. Violinists Marta Hidy and Albert Pratz, horn player Fred Rizner and accordionist Joe Macerollo will also be guest performers during the Toronto Symphony summer season, in addition to the Estonian Male Choir and the Prometheus Choir.

At one concert, the popular radio and television humorist, Max Ferguson, will narrate the delightful "Peter and the Wolf" by Prokofiev.

The opening program on Sunday, July 11, will be conducted by Victor Feldbrill and will feature Fred Rizner with the French horn in Mozart's Horn Concerto No. 4 in E Flat Major. The Toronto Symphony will play Handel's Water Music, Tales from the Vienna Woods by Strauss, Tchaikowsky's Swan Lake Ballet Suite, Copland's Fanfare to Common Man, Landscape from Freedman's "Images", and the Finale from Symphony No. 7 by Beethven.

Tuesday, July 13, at 8:30 Karel Ancerl will conduct, with guest Albert Pratz, violinist. Thursday, July 15 will also have Mr. Ancerl conducting, with guest pianist Ray Dudley.

The exciting former Toronto Symphony conductor, Seiji Ozawa will direct the orchestra in one of the concerts, Thursday, July 22, with baritone Louis Quilico as guest artist.

There is no extra charge to attend these Toronto Symphony concerts at The Forum, once general admission to Ontario Place has been obtained at the entrance plaza.

Admission is: adults $1.00, students 50 cents, children 7 to 12, 25 cents, 6 and under free. Senior citizens are admitted free to Ontario Place, upon application at the entrance for a season's pass.

SAYS FATHER IS JEWISH.—Geraldine Chaplin, who is now in Israel, told newspapermen her father never denied being Jewish although he never was interested enough to mention it. Chaplin's daughter is convinced that her father is of Jewish descent.

The new star was photographed near Elath. She is in Israel filming a Western, a joint Israeli-West German production called "Carlos".

FREE MOVIES AT THE TORONTO SCIENCE CENTER

A unique opportunity to view a wide variety of National Film Board productions in one program is being offered at the Ontario Science Center from July 1 to September 6. The Center, in cooperation with The Ontario Film Theater and the NFB will present daily programs of some of the Board's top productions at 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Feature films will be shown every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The programs, which will be changed each week, are divided into a number of general themes such as: the arts, culture, natural resources, the economy, the environment, science and technology, and sports.

The selection of films parallels those presently being shown at the NFB Cinema at Man And His World in Montreal. In both Toronto and Montreal the films are being presented free of charge to the public.

M.P.s say Soviet trials a mockery

London, (JCNS). - In a letter to The Times last week, six MPs expressed their "deep concern", and that of many of their colleagues, at the continuing trials -- "in both sense of the word trials" -- of Jews in the Soviet Union.

They were Mr. Winston Churchill (Con.), Mr. Eric Heffer (Lab.), Sir John Foster (Con.), Mr. Brian Walden (Lab.), Mr. Bernard Braine (Con.) and Mr. Greville Janner (Lab.).

They wrote that the only reply received to their approaches to the Soviet Embassy regarding the trials was a letter referring them to "seven articles which recently appeared in Soviet Weekly".

"Surely," the MPs wrote to The Times, "this must be one of the most discourteous and insensitive responses ever produced by an ambassador, to expressions of both individual and massive collective concern, addressed by British Members of Parliament to him personally?"

The "several articles" referred to dealt in the main with a demonstration at the embassy and not with the plight of the Russian Jewish community, "nor still less with our protests and inquiries about the show trials in Leningrad, Riga, Kishinev, Odessa and elsewhere".

Meanwhile, the motion tabled in Parliament by Mr. Janner on the plight of Soviet Jewry has attracted 300 signatures from MPs of all parties and all shades of opinion.

The motion deplores the refusal of the Soviet Government to permit Jews to leave the Soviet Union, in accordance with recognized human rights, and its persecution of those Jews who wish to emigrate to Israel.

It also comments on the Russian Government's refusal to permit Soviet Jews freely to practise their religion and to maintain their culture, and calls on the British Government to use its best endeavors and influence to secure and ensure respect for these human rights.

NOBEL PRIZE SAVING 50,000 LIVES

Munich, (JCNS). - Mr. Carl Lutz, a 76-year-old former Swiss diplomat, has been recommended for this year's Nobel Peace Prize for his contribution to the rescue of more than 50,000 Jews from Nazi persecution in Budapest in 1944.

The International Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Political Persecution, which is at Scheffau, in Bavaria, submitted the recommendation, which is supported by the World Jewish Congress and the International League of Human Rights.

The Center said that Mr. Lutz, as Swiss Consul-General in Budapest in 1944, represented 13 countries, and that after he had taken part in negotiations with Adolf Eichmann's office and the Hungarian authorities, more than 50,000 Jews were placed under Swiss protection.

After the end of the Second World War, about a third emigrated to Palestine and many others to the United States, Canada and Australia.

APPEAL TO THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT FOR EXIT VISAS.—David, (left) son of martyred Soviet Jewish writer Peretz Markish, and Esther, widow of the "Prince of Russian Yiddish poets", asked the authorities for permission to go to Israel.

Markish was liquidated by Stalin during the great purge of Jewish intellectuals.

SCROLLS AT ROME MEMORIAL

Rome, (JCNS). - Two giant 28-feet high bronze scrolls, weighing twelve tons, by Nathan Rapoport, the famous Jewish sculptor, symbolizing the Holocaust and the emigration to Israel of survivors, were presented to representatives of the Israeli authorities at the foundry at Pietrasanta in Tuscany last week.

The ceremony was sponsored by the B'nai B'rith International council before the monument's being shipped to Israel. It is to be placed on the summit of the Martyrs Forest in Jerusalem. A public ceremony of installation has been arranged for June 21.

U.S. AIRMEN MARRYING OUT OF JEWISH FAITH

The London Jewish Chronicle expressed great distress this week regarding the large number of American servicemen of the Jewish faith, stationed at English airbases, marrying non-Jewish girls. The article reports that a very large proportion of American Jewish airmen stationed in Britain have either married out, are intending to do so, or are living out of camp with non-Jewish girls. This was revealed to the Jewish Chronicle by the chaplain responsible for the spiritual guidance and welfare of the Jewish airmen at the bases.

He is Captain Chaim Schertz, a young officer and former yeshiva student, who is reading for a doctorate in philosophy. At his office in the base's chaplaincy building at Lakenheath, Suffolk, Captain Schertz told us the depressing story.

Stationed throughout the many U.S. air bases in Britain are, he said, some 150 Jewish airmen. About half are single, aged between 18 and 26. Those who are married and are here with their wives and families had, in the main, intermarried in America before being posted overseas.

Since Captain Schertz arrived at the base 18 months ago, nearly 25 airmen have come to him for permission to marry non-Jewish girls -- most of them from villages around the camps. Many married the girls and took them back to the States as G.I. brides.

Captain Schertz blames parents for this situation. Not enough stress, he declares, is put on Jewish education at home. The boys leave home and join the Air Force with little or no knowledge of Judaism or Jewish history and, as a result, they stray from the fold once they become servicemen.

The story is always the same. Girls from the neighboring towns and villages come to the bases for socials and dances, and many of the Jewish boys end up by living with them, the chaplain said.

Some of the Jewish boys come from "good Jewish homes" but have rebelled against Judaism once they join the Force. Many have learned only a few words of Hebrew -- merely enough to make them proficient for their barmitzvah.

"Perhaps it is also the fault of the rabbis at home," Captain Schertz said. "Perhaps they do not make Judaism attractive enough for these boys.

"One airman told me that he was brought up in a good Jewish home and when he wished to marry a non-Jewish girl his parents objected. He could not understand why they should object," said Captain Schertz.

He added that a number of the Jewish airmen tended to hide their Jewishness. Many put themselves down as Protestants or Roman Catholics.

This recently led to an embarassing and tragic situation. A Jewish airman died and was buried in a Christian grave. His parents asked the rabbi why this had happened and were shocked when told the reason.

Asked to comment on a U.S. Third Air Force spokesman at Ruislip said: "There are about 1,500 marriages between American personnel and English girls each year.

"But before any marriage can take place there has to be a session between the airman and his chaplain. This is absolutely compulsory and every Jewish airman would find himself meeting his own chaplain.

"The airmen must register their religion on joining the Service and I would not think it likely that a Jewish airman would put himself down as anything else -- although I suppose it is possible."

Another factor which leads to "opting out" is that the bases are not near any center which has an established Jewish community.

One 19-year-old Jewish airman at Ruislip said: "I have tried to make contact with Jewish organizations in London, but no one seems to want to know.

"They are all concerned with their own members and don't want to be bothered with a stranger. I can understand that -- buy why should I go out of my way to mix with Jewish people? I don't want to push myself, do I?"

Rabbi Sylvan Kamens, who was U.S. Air Force chaplain in Britain from 1961 to 1964, said: "This has always been a problem. One always had to go out and look for the Jewish Servicemen.

"But once one organized services for them and held functions, like at Chanucah, they seemed to come and the contact made was usually retained."

Officers are no different in their approach to the problem. A senior officer at one camp is planning to marry out, the chaplain told us.

Occasionally, there is a glimmer of light in the depressing story. Stephen Groil for example, a 21-year-old airman at Lakenheath air base, has just returned from Vietnam. He became religious and now walks about the camp wearing a yarmulka.

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2:30 p.m. Kew Gardens, The Ellis McLintock Orchestra
5:30 p.m. High Park, Organ Recital: Ronnie Padgett
7:30 p.m. Willowvale Park, The Johnny Lombardi-Variety Show
7:30 p.m. Earlscourt Park, The Eddy Graf Orchestra
7:30 p.m. Greenwood Park, The Pat Riccio Orchestra

MONDAY, JULY 12TH
8:30 p.m. Ramsden Park, Square Dancing: Bob Scott & His Orchestra

TUESDAY, JULY 13TH
8:00 p.m. Allan Gardens, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Band
8:30 p.m. Withrow Park, Square Dancing: Bob Scott & His Orchestra

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14TH
12:15 p.m. Nathan Phillips Square, The George Frank Orchestra
7:30 p.m. Monarch Park, Continental Concert
8:00 p.m. Eglinton Park, Ellis McLintock Orchestra
8:30 p.m. Riverdale Park, Chef Adams & The Adams Boys Guest: Alice Petrie

THURSDAY, JULY 15TH
8:00 p.m. Nathan Phillips Square, The Ellis McLintock Orchestra
8:00 p.m. Forest Hill Memorial Park, Harvey Tishkoff: Jazz Violin
8:30 p.m. High Park, Square Dancing: Bob Scott & His Orchestra
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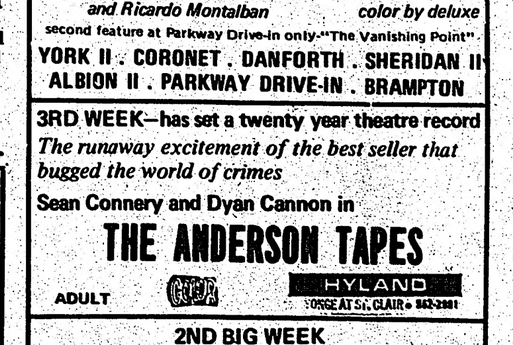

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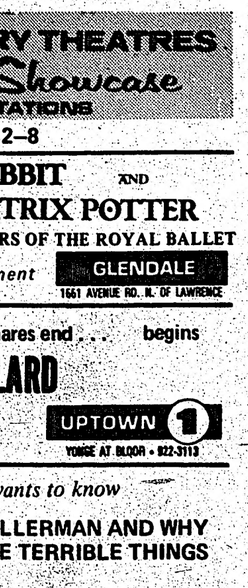

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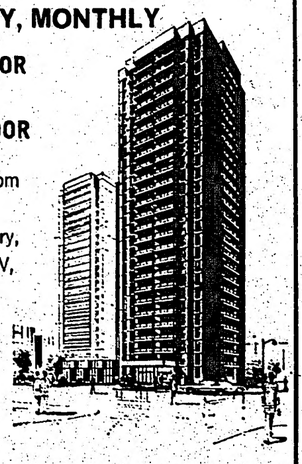

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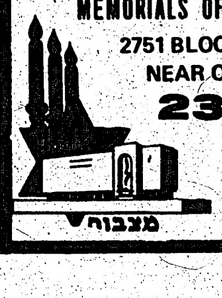

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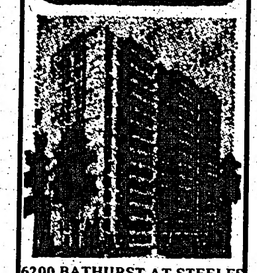

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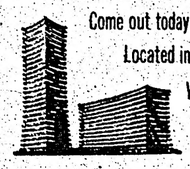

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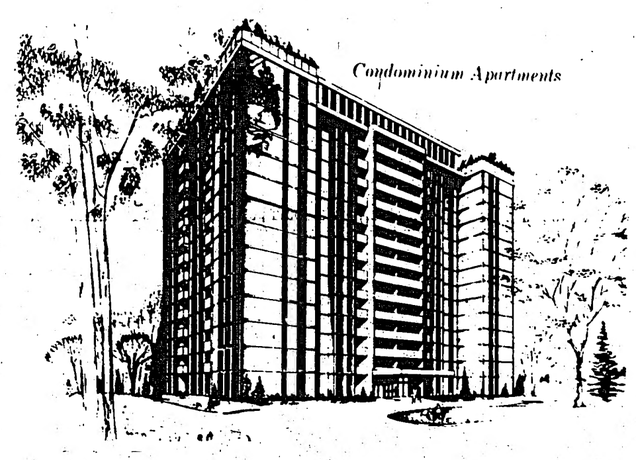

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LOOK FELLA, THROUGH LENS

"Ephraim," the wife asked "am I beautiful?"

"Yes," I replied, "why?"

Believe it or not, it seems that the little one had been mulling over this problem for quite a while. She knows only too well, she allowed, that there was nothing special in her, but still, there was something in her, or rather there would be, she stressed, if it were not for those glasses. . .

"A bespectacled woman," she said, "is like a pressed and dried flower. . ."

This of course was not an original thought. The little one had read it somewhere. In a newspaper ad pushing the most epochal invention since the wheel: contact lenses. They are the "in" thing now, all over the world, two little glass lenses barely five millimeters in diameter which you simply place on your eyeball and voila! Society doesn't suspect a thing, while your sparkling eyes see everything. It's absolutely marvellous, especially for short - sighted actresses, basketball players and spinsters. They spread like wildfire. "A Haifa fashion model," her friends related, "started wearing her microlenses barely a few months ago, and today she is already the divorced wife of a good-looking Latin American millionaire."

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We found about a thousand clients in the waiting room, most of them quite familiar with the use of micro-lenses. Some had got used to them to such an extent that they could not even tell for sure whether or not the lenses were in their eyes right now. That was probably the reason for their coming to the optician -- what other reason could there have been? A middle-aged gentleman was just then demonstrating the ease with which he could place the glass sliver in his eye: first he put it on his finger-tip, then, look, he moved it straight towards his eyeball and without batting an eyelid -- hev -- where is the lens? It's dropped on the floor. Don't move! Don't move! . . .

We took advantage of the uproar and slunk in to the specialist. He was a nice young optician, bursting with faith and enthusiasm, a genuine optimist. "It's all very simple," he explained, "the eye gradually gets used to the foreign body and after a while it all becomes a natural process. . ."

"Just a sec," I interrupted, "how soon. . ."

"That. . .depends. . ."

The expert carried out a number of psychosomatic tests and declared that my wife's ocular climate was particularly suited to the wearing of micro-lenses. He, too, demonstrated how we place the glass with our finger in the center of our eyeball and how we remove it six hours later with a single flick of our wrist. The wife gasped, but she was ready to suffer for the sake of beauty. Exactly a week later, she received her own, perfectly ground micro-lenses in a tasteful plastic case. That very evening at an intimate family reunion, she started the gradual breaking-in process, according to the rules: First day -- 15 minutes, second day -- twenty minutes, third day. . .

Third day? What third day if we may ask?

In other words, it's a question of guts. The wife rinsed the lenses, as she had been told, placed them on her fingertip, then moved in on her eyeball, as if she were accusing it. Jaccuse! And then what happened? The finger kept growing, grew, grew, like in the movies, until in the end it became absolutely huge and frightening. . .

"Ephraim," the wife faltered, "I'm afraid of my finger. . ."

"Don't be silly," I encouraged the little one, "if for nothing else, you must go on for the sake of the cost."

The wife recovered her composure, squinted at the approaching finger with death-defying determination and -- hup! as the finger swept sideways and the lens stuck with a squelching sound to the white of her eye. One has to admit, the little one has never been a crack shot! It took the better part of half an hour until the lens rolled lazily onto the pupil. But then it was wonderful! No spectacles, and yet the eye kept its natural beauty and sparkle, a real marvel!

Naturally, there were still certain side-effects; for example, the head muscles were temporarily paralyzed, the face was staring at the ceiling, this being the only way in which my wife could peek out under her almost completely closed eyelids. Because the blinking somehow wouldn't come off. To tell the truth, even the slightest move of her toes caused my wife such excruciating pain as would have shamed the most expert hangman of the Holy Inquisition. The wife sat on a chair like a deep-frozen mackerel, motionless, only the tears flowed from her eyes staring heavenwards. Fifteen minutes later she removed the lenses in a panic. . .

Or rather, she would have removed them. Those inanimate objects were having a field day on her pupils. The unfortunate woman frantically tried to remove them the way the young crook had shown her, but they simply wouldn't budge.

"Don't just sit there and stare at me," the little one shrilled like a trapped weasel. "Do something! Do something!. . ."

I was terribly upset. After all, it was for me that the little one was suffering. I overturned a couple of drawers, looking for some instrument but found only a pair of rusty pliers. And all the while she cried, the poor darling. "It hurts," she yelled, "it hurts!" I called an ambulance:

"Help," I roared. "Two micro-lenses have fallen into my wife's eyes. Please hurry!"

"Look fella," thus the ambulance boys, "why don't you take her to an optician?"

I wrapped my wife across my shoulders, carried her down to the car and raced to the specialist. Before you could blink an eye he had gently removed the glasses. "Not bad for a first try," he said, "carry on." As a parting gift, he gave us a little rubber pump, somewhat like the contraption used for cleaning out clogged kitchen sinks, only much smaller naturally. This little pump has to be affixed to the lense, straddling the pupil, a vacuum is created, and without difficulty the lense is removed.

Greatly encouraged, the wife continued her experiments with the micro. I would never have believed what punishment the human eye can take. Every morning, at ten o'clock sharp, the wife overcame her panic and inserted the lenses, then cautiously rose from her chair and slowly, painfully, tiptoed into my room. With her eyes brimming over, the poor mackerel stopped at my desk and wistfully asked me:

"Now guess -- are the lenses in or aren't they?"

This was in line with the ads which had said that it was quite impossible to detect the presence of the micro-lenses with the naked eye. That was the reason for their great popularity. Friends and acquaintances who visited my home during these historic days will certainly remember the appalling sight of my wife, tottering through my study her dry lips feverishly muttering:

"I can't stand it any longer. . .I can't stand it. . ."

The poor darling had become very ugly. Her eyes were always red from extraordinary exertion, her face bloated with crying. She began to look quite shrivelled. What suffering the woman went through! It was fit to break your heart! And the ordeal kept getting longer and longer! And the daily mad dashes to the optician to remove the glasses; the little pump was a complete flop. Only once did the wife succeed in using it: she carefully applied it to the lens, a vacuum was created, then -- glupp -- she almost extracted her eye (a near miss, these things happen sometimes). Nor will I ever forget that eerie Tuesday when my wife showed up in the doorway livid and trembling:

"The left lens has slipped behind the eye and is now inside my skull. . ."

At this point, I seriously considered hiring a permanent nurse for removal purposes. There was also some talk of emigrating as well as divorcing, in the pattern of the handsome Latin American millionaire. Smell wonder, if my anti-optician ideology became ever more extremist, though there is nothing one can do about it where female beauty is at stake. But just when I had lost all hope, literally at the last moment, I had a lucky break.

The lenses were lost. How and where, we don't know to this day. They are so small, those lenses, that it is enough for somebody simply to tap the bottom of their box in front of an open window, and they disappear in the city traffic. Possibly, I had done the tapping myself. The wife almost fainted:

"What's going to happen now?" she yammered. "Now when at long last I'd become used to them. . ."

I took her tortured face between my two palms:

"Old, girl," I said, "go back to spectacles!"

This, if you don't mind, is the final stage of miniaturization. The first day, fifteen minutes, the second day twenty minutes, after two weeks -- spectacles. Naturally, one does not have to give up entirely. From time to time, one may show up at parties without spectacles, bragging to one's friends how marvellous those contact lenses are. Provided one can avoid crashing into the cupboard, the effect is electrifying. Everybody will swear that there is nothing in one's eyes, a real miracle. Deeply impressed, all my wife's friends have already gone to the specialist. Let them, it's the fashion now. My own little wife is completely cured and her beauty shines in its former perfection. It even looks as if she has grown an inch or so. It's fantastic.

ISRAEL'S YOUNGEST FILM STAR.—Beautiful Iris Yitbat who will have a leading role in a new Jerusalem movie. Miss Yitbat's hobby: writing children's story books.

YOUNG TURN TO RABBIS

New York, (JCNS). - A trend is developing in the United States away from large synagogues and towards the development of small houses of worship, according to a "task force on the future of the Jewish community in America".

Organized by the American Jewish Committee, the "task force" also found that Jews were increasingly turning to their rabbis for advice, particularly young Jews who wanted to hear their views about the "drug culture" in the United States.

The study said that the synagogue, always a house of assembly and study as well as of worship, had become as much an ethnic as a religious institution. It was now used largely for cultural, social and even recreational activities.

Members of the "task force" forecast that, as Jews moved away from existing centers of Jewish population, and as their former synagogues began to lose support some congregations might merge, even cutting across denominational lines.

HUMAN RELATIONS

Dangerous Liaison

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QUESTION: Two years ago this summer I met a man 10 years older than I. It was the first real love I have ever known for a man. He told me he had been separated from his wife for years, and had a daughter, 10. He's 33.

Four months later I became pregnant. I told him about it. He assured me that everything would be all right and not to worry. He came over less and less and then stopped coming altogether. He would telephone once in a while. But these calls stopped, too.

The last time I saw him was two months before the baby was born. The baby is now 10 months old. To this day he doesn't know what his son looks like. His brother and family live opposite us. It was through them that I met him.

His brother tells me that he always asks about the child. He doesn't come around because of shame and what my parents might say to him. What kind of man could do this?

I am now going with a fine man, 25. We plan to marry soon. He knows about this.

I live with my parents and they are wonderful to me and the baby.

ANSWER: A couple who enter into an illicit affair of this kind know full well that the chances for marriage and a lasting relationship are not good.

The promises the man makes for the future are taken as justification for the affair in the present, and the girl knows implicitly that they will never be kept.

Psychologically speaking, no pregnancies area accidental. Both of the pair want it, for their own purposes. Contradictory though it may sound, it is used to break up the relationship and get rid of each other.

In asking what kind of man could do this to a girl, you are really asking how an intelligent person like you could fall for his sweet-talk and his empty promises. You question your judgment, and wonder if you will make the same mistake again.

Actually, you really want no part of this man, and are grateful that he is staying away and not impinging on your life, now. But it is really in your child's best interests not to have contact with a natural father who doesn't behave like a real parent to him, in any way. Just as this came and went in your life, and also in the life of his wife and other child, so would he come and go in his contacts with your little boy. This could only create great insecurities and emotional uncertainties in the life of the child.

Having left his wife and his first child, it should not come as a surprise to you that this man is doing the same thing to his second child, born out-of-wedlock. He has no sense of responsibility to begin with, and since he isn't married to you, he feels he owes nothing to you or to the child.

The fact that his brother is your neighbor serves as a constant reminder of his existence and of your past unpleasant experience, which makes it harder for you to put the past in its proper context.

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Since the young man you plan to marry knows about this past experience and is so accepting of your child, it indicates that he is a loving and sincere person. This should lessen your anxieties about how he will treat your son, when you begin to have children of your own.

You should go for some pre-marital counseling, and work out some of these normal anxieties and apprehensions. Then you would not have to take it out on each other, in moments of anger or stress, and most important of all, not make your son the target for such feelings.

SEPHARDI RABBIS SEE DISCRIMINATION

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - It is not only the Black Panthers who feel that the Israeli "establishment" discriminates against them. Their feeling is partially shared by rabbis of the Sephardi and Yemeni communities.

In a letter to a religious newspaper, Rabbi I. J. Unterman, the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi, claimed that in only one case had a rabbi been elevated to the status of judge of a religious court without having to go through the prescribed examination.

The organization of Sephardi and Yemeni rabbis claims that this is untrue. Ten rabbis have been empowered to act as judges without examination, they say, and all of them are Ashkenazim.

The controversy is related to the sensitive question of the appointment of a special religious court to supervise the conversion of the non-Jewish spouses of new, mainly Soviet immigrants, and of another court to examine the status of people who have been declared mamzerim (bastards) in Jewish law.

The Sephardi Chief Rabbi, Rabbi Itzhak Nissim, wanted to nominate two judges to a special conversion court without the need for examination. Rabbi Unterman refused to accept them, on the ground that they might go on to rule on the bastardy issue.

However, the organization of Sephardi and Yemeni rabbis, in a letter to Rabbi Unterman, claims that after examining the circumstances it has come to the sad conclusion that the two rabbis were rejected to a large extent for another reason: they were Sephardim.

Recipe for the week

VEAL OREGANATA

2 lbs. veal cut into thin slices
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
3 tbs. olive oil
2 cups thinly sliced onions
2 cups thinly sliced mushrooms
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 tsp. chopped fresh basil or 1/2 tsp. dried
1 clove garlic, finely minced
1 tbs. finely chopped parsley
1 cup rich chicken broth
1/2 cup dry white wine
2 cups canned tomatoes

Sprinkle the meat with salt and pepper and brown the pieces, a few at a time, in the oil. Transfer the pieces to a heavy casserole with a tight lid.

Add the onions and mushrooms and cook, stirring, until wilted. Add the vegetables to the meat. Add the remaining ingredients and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil and cover closely. Simmer until the meat is tender, 30 to 40 minutes. Yield: 4 servings.

Whose Vacation, Anyhow

by Ruthie

Last week school ended for the season. This was something to which millions of mothers, including me, were looking forward. MAMANU, the joy of not having to awaken the offspring at seven in the morning! The pleasure of not having to prepare four lunches each day! I would literally have nothing to do. ES ZULL NUR NISHT VERSHTERT VERREN!

I didn't mind the turmoil of the past few weeks. So I'll stay up all night assorting camp clothes! Look at the freedom awaiting me!

This time I thought I'd play it smart. NU, AZA YUHR OIF NASSER! I became sick and tired of sticking on labels. No matter how many I ordered, there were never enough. And they cost an "arm and a leg". Why not use indelible ink? For eighty-nine cents I could be a lady, write names directly on the garments and not be annoyed with hunting for lost needles. Little did I realize what I was in for! I was almost out of my mind trying to print names on two dozen underpants for each of four children. The surface of the material was rough, I never got the right slant and blobs would emerge from the penpoint. As my husband said, "Only YOU could dream up such a bright idea."

FARFOLN! I recruited all the kids and we worked until we became cross-eyed. If you look closely, you'll notice that the designs on the carpeting are merely ink stains.

The children kept shouting, "Three more days, we're off to camp, two more days, we're off to camp, one more day, we're off to camp!"

Finally came the day. THEY couldn't wait to be off. And neither could I.

When we arrived at the point of embarkation, we were faced with complication number one. One of my small fry had forgotten to mail his medical form to the office. After several threats and bucketsful of tears, the matter was straightened out. Complication number two,—the office insisted it did not receive the balance of payment for each child. Hence the children could not board the bus. They howled like wild animals. My husband and I were fit to be tied. Not until Ned showed the check stub was it acknowledged that the check would most likely arrive with the next day's mail.

At last, midst much kissing, shouting and last minute admonitions, the kids left. Immediately I became limp. I felt I could sleep uninterruptedly for three weeks. Of course, no such thing.

The following morning, from force of habit, I awakened at the usual time. It was six-thirty. The house was uncomfortably quiet. There were no covers to check, no whimpering child to cuddle. I didn't like it at all. I tried to go back to sleep, but couldn't. My thoughts raced full-speed ahead.

"I hope Janie used the mosquito lotion. I wonder whether Freddie wet the bed. I forgot to tell anyone that Sally's allergic to milk. Hope Heather doesn't go all out on sweets!"

I decided to go through the morning chores as quickly as possible, then get out. I needn't have worried, however. The mailman handed me four envelopes filled with an assortment of requests.

One child needed another swim suit, another forgot a flashlight, one wanted a camera, another forgot his baseball mitt. Buy and send, buy and send, buy and send.

Once more everything was all right. I could see myself having a wonderful, busy summer—buying and sending.

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Enigmatic USSR

READY TO RESUME COMMERCIAL TIES?

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - Russia seems to be ready to re-establish contact with Israel -- broken at the time of the Six-Day War -- but is not yet prepared for full diplomatic relations.

In informal meetings, the latest being that between Mr. Victor Louis, a senior Soviet propaganda official, and Mr. Smicha Dinitz, the political assistant to Mrs. Golda Meir, the Prime Minister, Moscow talked in vague terms about commercial relations between the two countries. But the bait is not attractive to Israel since it would give the Russians political advantage without formally requiring them to lift the total boycott imposed on the Jewish State since June, 1967.

There are two schools of thought within the Cabinet (most members of which were as surprised by reports of the Louis visit as was the public). First, there are Ministers who see rumors about the possible resumption of ties between Moscow and Jerusalem as a Soviet tactic designed to ruffle Israel's relations with America; remove international suspicions about the purpose of the Soviet-Egyptian pact; and win some relief from the world-wide Jewish campaign at the treatment of Soviet Jewry. Then there are those who would like to explore further the notion of trade ties as a prelude to proper relations, the argument being that it is always better to have channels of contact than none.

But the low-level approach (neither Louis nor any other Russians who have made contact with Israelis in recent months have diplomatic status), and the failure of the Russians so far to follow through with concrete proposals, have inclined the Israelis to the utmost caution.

VICTOR LOUIS

ISRAELIS PUZZLED

Israelis have been more intrigued by the cloak and dagger aspect of Mr. Louis' visit than of its content. He arrived on June 13 from Cyprus having established contact with Dr. Arye Harel, the director of Tel Aviv municipal hospitals and a former Israeli Ambassador to Moscow. Dr. Harel appears to have been the intermediary in establishing contact with the Prime Minister's office where Mrs. Meir ruled that Mr. Louis should not be received by any Minister, but that Mr. Dinitz should talk with him.

She also ruled that total secrecy should be observed, which appears to account for the fact that even most senior Ministers knew nothing of the visit until it was over.

Mr. Louis, who stayed at the kosher Samuel Hotel in Tel Aviv, and visited Jerusalem (he also went to the Western Wall and said he was moved by the visit) met Mr. Dinitz at his home.

He spoke of his Jewish background and interspersed his conversations (in English) with Yiddish words. He claimed no official status in airing his ideas on trade links, but made it clear that his visit was undertaken with Moscow's knowledge.

In his talks with Mr. Dinitz and others he said nothing which amounted to a formal proposition regarding diplomatic or other relations, and Jerusalem is disinclined to pursue the matter further until a detailed and high-level approach is forthcoming from the Russians. What did emerge from his conversations, however, is that Moscow is deeply concerned at the extent of Jewish national consciousness in the USSR.

TOTAL BLACKOUT

Not quite hot on the heels of Mr. Victor Louis, the head of the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Mr. Richard Helms, is reported to have arrived in Israel on a short visit.

A total news blackout was imposed on Mr. Helms' visit until it was reported from abroad. Press speculation this morning was that one of Mr. Helms' chief motives was to inquire into the strengthening of Soviet influence in the Arab world and the Middle East.

Haaretz, which reported in a banner headline the unprecedented visit of a CIA chief to the Jewish State, said that Mr. Helms "might collect information for the US administration regarding the security needs of Israel for the next year".

ILP NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL.—Yisrael Yeshayahu, a member of the oriental community, was elected Secretary-General of the Israel Labor Party in succession to Arye Eliav. It is hoped that his election will help to remove some of the dissatisfaction felt by Israel's oriental Jews.

Record week

FOR EL AL JETS

This has been a big week for El Al, Israel's national airline. Its first Jumbo jet touched down at London's Heathrow last week on its delivery trip from New York to Lydda. Soon the giant aircraft will make its commerical debut in El Al's summer services flying from Tel Aviv to New York via London three times a week (an additional stop will be made in Paris in winter).

This is no ordinary Jumbo. It is, in fact, a Boeing 747B an advanced model of the revolutionary aircraft which last year carried more than five million-passengers without serious incident.

El Al had good reason to order the new model. Because of its more powerful engine and greater fuel capacity, the 747B will be able to carry 400 passengers on the highly profitable New York-Tel Aviv route (the ordinary 747 would be restricted to about 300 passengers on this route).

With its new fleet of modern jets -- it already has ten Boeings in service and another Jumbo will be delivered later this year -- El Al will be poised to expand its services to South America and other areas and also provide increased capacity for passengers embarking at Heathrow. The airline's summer schedule in fact offers 4,350 seats weekly over the Atlantic compared with 3,900 previously.

El Al, one of the world's leading carriers, has gone out of its way to make its Jumbo different. The theme of the interior is "cheerfulness and light". A bright atmosphere has been created by clever use of color; seats and other interior sections are in different colors and the main cabin, seating 392 tourist-class passengers, is divided by galley and service areas.

Contrary to the pattern of other Jumbos, there is no first-class accommodation in the main cabin, which means there is no restriction on the movement of passengers on this deck. The first-class area, seating eight, is on the deck above and also has a bar.

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Soviet Defence Minister Grechko views Mediterranean fleet

SOVIETS CLAIM REPARATIONS

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - University students leaving the Soviet Union for Israel will now have to pay the Soviet Government between $5,100 and $6,000 to cover the cost of their education.

The dispatch of emigrants' personal property in advance is also to be stopped, according to reports received here, and no departing Jews will be allowed to take out of the Soviet Union new goods worth more than $270.

NEW PLEA FOR HESS

Karlsruhe, (JCNS). - Another appeal to the United States, Britain and France for the release of Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, from Spandau prison in West Berlin, was issued last week by Hess's counsel, Dr. Alfred Seidl.

He said that many wars of aggression and other wars had been waged since the Nuremberg sentences against leading Nazis for violating international law, but in no case had there been any attempt to call to justice those responsible for planning or implementing those wars. Dr. Seidl emphasized that he considered the continued imprisonment of Hess as illegal.

Support for the release of Hess on humanitarian grounds was officially expressed by Mr. Walter Scheel the West German Foreign Minister, last week, in an interview with the illustrated magazine Stern.

PRINCE PHILIP AT JEWISH DINNER.—The Duke of Edinburgh took a president's wife into dinner last week. The president's wife was Mrs. Harold Sebag-Montefiore and the important occasion was the centenary dinner of the Anglo-Jewish Association, at the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, London. (Editorial, page 4)

ARAB VS. ARAB

Geneva, (JCNS). - The 56th session of the International Labor Organization by Mr. Bar-Yaacov, the Israeli delegate, of his country's policies in reply to Mr. Salama, the Egyptian representative, who alleged discrimination against the Jews of oriental origin living in Israel, and ill-treatment of Arabs in the occupied territories.

Mr. Bar-Yaacov said:

"I am deeply touched by his (Mr. Salama) concern for the Eastern Jews in my country. I only want the conference to know that, of some 100,000 Jews who lived in Egypt, a prosperous and vigorous community, none or hardly any now remain.

"These are part of the Eastern Jews in my country. They did not remain in Egypt because their life was made intolerable. . .Again and again we have been witness to. . .our Arab neighbors and their supporters dragging this political red herring (atrocity propaganda) across the floor of any and every conference or platform, and, because of their numerical strength, backed by the votes of their supporters, they can command some 40 or 50 votes in various organs of the United Nations.

WORKERS' RIGHTS

"If we seriously wanted to take up the question of infringement of workers' rights, we would draw attention to the monstrous crimes committed by Arabs against their fellow Arabs, when grenades are thrown as a few weeks ago into lines of innocent Arab workers boarding buses (in Gaza) to go to work, apparently in order to prevent them physically from earning their living and to intimidate others".

Mr. Bar-Yaacov then spoke of the oppenness of his country, where tens of thousands of people, tourists, journalists and students, could see for themselves what was going on.

Mr. Bar-Yaacov's reply arose from the inclusion by the Arab and Soviet representatives of the Middle East situation in a discussion on apartheid in South Africa against the ruling of M. Pierre Waline, the veteran French employers' delegate, who presided.

WILL COMPENSATE JERUSALEM ARABS

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - Israel is to pay compensation to Arab residents of East Jerusalem for irremovable property they owned in West Jerusalem or anywhere else in Israel, and which they abandoned before or during the establishment of the State. Some 10,000 claims are involved and the cost to Israel will be an estimated minimum of $100 million. Payment will be made by way of bonds to be issued in 1975 to be redeemed in 20 equal instalments over a 20-year period, at 5-1/2 interest.

Israel is accepting the valuation of the properties concerned drawn up for the Palestine Conciliation Commission in 1961 by Mr. John Burncastle who had been land valuation officer during the British Mandate. Mr. Burncastle had valued the properties as they stood on November 29, 1947, the date of the United Nations partition resolution, but Israel intends adding 25 per cent to this valuation in each case.

Claims for compensation will have to be submitted within two years from the commencement of the law which will be introduced in the Knesset in the autumn.

Millions for new housing

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - Israel is spending $360m over the next five years to improve the housing conditions of 250,000 people living in substandard homes.

The main beneficiaries will be families living four or more to a room in the worst dilapidated areas of Israel's main cities. Hundreds of young couples are reported to have already registered for housing in Hebron's new Jewish quarter where homes will be built for rent or purchase at attractive rates.

Homes will be available within one year of the date of contract.

ANCIENT SYNAGOGUE UNEARTHED

Haifa, (JCNS). - The remains of a synagogue built in Roman or Byzantine times have been found by Franciscan monks at Migdal, near the site of the Biblical city, north of Tiberias. During repairs to their establishment, the monks discovered the bases of a row of columns facing Jerusalem, as was the practice in synagogue building even in ancient times.

NEW RECORD FOR ELATH PIPELINE

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - A shortage of tankers is holding up the completion of contracts for the carriage of even more oil through the Elath-Ashdod pipeline which will reach a record throughput of 30 million tons by the end of the year.

No more than 20 million tons were estimated for this year, but the flow has already reached a rate equal to 23 million tons. A number of technical improvements have been made to the line which will handle 40 million tons by 1973 and reach its maximum capacity of 50 million shortly thereafter.

After a shaky start the line is beginning to vindicate those Israeli experts who pressed for its construction against the advice of some big international investors, including some in Britain and France who saw no economic future for an oil pipeline traversing Israel territory.

Meanwhile, Mr. Gideon Rafael, the director-general of the Foreign Ministry, speaking in Haifa at the weekend reminded Egypt that if it is her intention to go ahead with the construction of a pipeline from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean then "it must be in her supreme interest that there will not be any interference with the security, safety and freedom of navigation in the Red Sea".

Stone buses in Holy City

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - An Egged bus entering Jerusalem between mincha and maariv on Saturday was attacked by several dozen ultra-Orthodox demonstrators protesting against desecration of the Sabbath. Two bus windows were smashed.

The demonstrators then moved nearer the center of the city and were joined after the Sabbath had ended by some 200 Orthodox youths, who stoned buses passing through the Mea Shearim district. Bus drivers retaliated by halting the normally busy post-Sabbath service through the area.

The police headed off a counter-attack by dozens of non-Orthodox youths by closing a number of streets.

Last week Egged decided that no buses would run from the city's central bus terminal before the end of the Sabbath.

BARLEV AND BEDOUIN CHIEF EXCHANGE GIFTS

Beersheba, (JCNS). - A new weapon in the armory of the Israeli Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Haim Barlev, is an antique engraved sword which was presented to him by the chief of one of the largest Negev Beduin tribes.

In return, the sheikh, Auda Abu Muamer, head of the Azazma tribe, received from the Chief of Staff a silver-plated revolver inscribed to "a friend and a courageous fighter".

During the exchange of greetings in the Beduin encampment, which lies south of Beersheba, General Barlev referred to the role of Beduin in guarding Israel's frontiers. According to an official statement, he later "pointed out that the Beduin's activities in the Israel Defense Forces are evident proof that in Israel all citizens are equal and defend their common homeland".

ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE IN ARGENTINE PRESS

Buenos Aires, (JCNS). - Influential Argentine daily newspapers, which have never been antisemitic, are giving wide publicity to the bankruptcy of a small firm owned by Jews, grossly exaggerating its deficiencies and describing it as a swindle.

In Argentine's present economic difficulties many firms, large and small, are going bankrupt, but special publicity, sometimes with sensational headlines, is being given to Jewish firms involved.

Cronica, a popular Peronista daily which, although not outspokenly antisemitic is unfriendly to Jews, said that the State of Israel was providing a refuge of bankrupt Argentine Jews who were fleeing there with large sums of money after draining the local economy.

There is no extradition agreement between Israel and Argentina. An obstacle to the signing of such an agreement has been Israel's request that Nazi war criminals living in Argentina should be handed over. The Buenos Aires authorities do not want to accept this.

Americans joining cooperative

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - Sixty new immigrants from the United States who arrived here are settling in the cooperative village of Neve Ilan, near Jerusalem, where they plan to create a science-based industries. Nearly all the newcomers are university graduates.

ISRAELI SOCIAL GULF EXPLODES.—Black Panthers demonstrate in Zion Square, Jerusalem. The three who climbed the pole tore down the street sign and replaced it with one reading "Eastern Jewry Square" (See editorial, p. 4)

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